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Ushpizin plaque used as part of the succah decoration, of early 20th century design. It lists the seven honored patriarchs who are invited into the booth as part of traditional Jewish hospitality.

U.S. will pressure Soviets on rights

Note: Because of Yom Kippur, this issue of The CJN went to press before the start of the superpower summit in Reykjavik, Iceland.

WASHINGTON (JTA) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz declared last week that the Soviet Union will be told its relations with the U.S. can improve only if the USSR shores up its human rights record, including increasing emigration for Soviet Jews.

Shultz told over 400 Jewish leaders attending a National Leadership Assembly for Soviet Jewry on the eve of the superpower summit in Iceland that the Soviets "need to know there can be no lasting improvement in our relations as long as Soviet citizens are deprived of the right to speak freely, to worship freely, to read and to live where they please.

"The Soviets need to know we cannot continue to improve relations with them unless we see significant, sustained progress on human rights, including the right to emigrate," Shultz said.

Just prior to the start of the summit, U.S. Jews bombarded the White House with over 100,000 telegrams, calling on President Ronald Reagan to fulfil his pledge to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Shultz said relations with the Soviet Union will not thaw until the Soviets improve their human rights record.

Some U.S. officials said that human rights, along with arms control, would dominate the Reykjavik summit.

Leaders in the U.S. Jewish community, church officials and former Refuseniks, along with their relatives, planned shuttle flights to Iceland to support the issue of Soviet Jewry.

On the issue of human rights, Shultz said Reagan "looks you in the eye and tells you what he thinks."

Reagan stressed that point when he welcomed freed dissident Yuri Orlov to the White House recently.

"I will make it amply clear to Mr. Gorbachev that unless there is real Soviet movement on human rights, we will not have the kind of political atmosphere necessary to make lasting progress on other issues," Reagan said.

Shultz added that while he believes in private diplomacy, the pressure by the organized Jewish community "is something I can point to" in talks with the Soviets.

However, he admitted the situation has been "grim" for Soviet Jews wanting to emigrate. Only 631 Jews were allowed out of the Soviet Union in the first nine months of 1986. Shultz said if that rate continues, only 1,000 Jews will have left in the entire year, compared with 51,000 in 1979. Shultz pointedly said the reasons fewer Jews are leaving is not because there are so few left in the USSR, as Gorbachev argued recently.

Appearing on Good Morning America last week, Shultz read from the 1975 Helsinki Final Act, to which the Soviets are signatories. The act, he said, underlines that human rights are not merely domestic concerns but are obligations covered by international accord.

Shultz focused on the section that calls on participating states "to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, for all, without distinction," as well as the provision saying "everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own."

However, Shultz said that the U.S. would sign an arms reduction agreement even if the Soviets did not show a willingness to improve their human rights record.

One U.S. official said Soviet violations of human rights are not limited to Jews. Some 30,000 Soviet Pentecostals have applied to leave, he said.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, a U.S. Navy chaplain, accompanied the presidential entourage to Iceland to conduct a special Yom Kippur service for a Jewish member of President Reagan's staff.

A Jewish tradition

Hospitality marks history

By DR. FRED WEINBERG

Ushpizin is an Aramaic word of Latin origin meaning "guests." The word ushpizin which sounds similar to the English word hospice and hospitality because they all stem from the same Latin root, represents a tradition during the 7-day holiday of Succoth, during which time one of seven patriarchs is invited daily to be a guest (ushpizin) in the succah booth.

On the first day the succah is honored by the presence of Abraham, the second day Isaac, then Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, and on the final day, King David. This tradition stems from the Zohar, the text of kabbalistic customs and beliefs.

Hospitality has always been a Jewish "midah" — a benevolent practice and indeed tradition has it that it order to be worthy of the spiritual presence of these honored guests in one's succah, it is necessary to invite at least seven actual physical guests from the poor of the community to sit at the table with the most during the family meals.

And in some communities, it was popular to have hanging in the succah, an actual inscribed and illustrated invitation to the ancestral guests.

The Bible is full of examples of Jewish hospitality as in the narrative about Abraham who entertained three strangers in his tent and showed them many kindnesses. Biblical hospitality extended even to the "ger" — the traveler who happened to live temporarily with a Hebrew family and was assured by biblical law of protection and indeed of love since the Bible demands that the stranger was to be loved even as one loves oneself.

He was invited to participate in the family and tribal festivals and received portions of crops that were distributed amongst the poor. This unusual equal treatment, applied to the native born and to the stranger, is very different from that of the customs of the times and is very Jewish in origin though popularly attributed to Christianity.

Laws relating to this equality of treatment are scattered throughout the Bible and delineate a deep seated attitude of kindness towards strangers amongst the ancient Hebrews.

For example, in the Book of Job in which the issue of reward and punishment is so deeply entered into, Job, in complaining about his misfortune, pleads that amongst his virtues he had always kept his door open to the stranger and one of his visiting accusers explains Job's misery on the basis that he had not been hospitable enough.

This early practice of hospitality continued throughout Jewish history and throughout changes in social conditions. In the first centuries of the Common Era there is a description of a leading scholar who observed the custom of opening the door of his house when he was about to take his meal and he would say "anyone who is hungry may come in and eat."

This of course has survived in modern times on Passover evening when the above cited passage is read from the Haggadah. Some rabbis even suggested that every house should have

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Israel govt. moves on, but future still fragile

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Two years ago the pundits here and abroad were predicting, almost to a man, that the government of national unity was a non-starter, a lame duck, bound to collapse no sooner than it set out on its 50-month course.

The differences between major parties were considered too big, the instability of the coalition too built-in, to brook any longevity. The capacity for crises was seen as endemic — and any crisis was thought likely to be fatal.

Now, half-way through the term, and with the Prime Ministerial rotation implemented with remarkably little friction, those same pundits — having eaten their earlier words as gracefully as possible — are now predicting with renewed self-confidence that the government will last its full statutory term.

"Its weakness is its strength," is one of the now-popular theories.

However, even if Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir had plighted to each other their solemn troth to stick together come what may — which they patently have not — external circumstances, beyond their control or influence, could evolve in the months ahead to pull them apart.

• In the peace process, a significant shift by Jordan would instantly put Labor and Likud into a confrontational posture. Shimon Peres, in his valedictory address to the Knesset, said that while he had not managed to lead Israel to the negotiating table, the door to the negotiating room had been opened.

He added that Israel and Jordan, through the United States, were discussing the modalities of an international forum that would ultimately facilitate direct negotiations.

What Peres did not say, in so many words, was that so far King Hussein of Jordan had disappointed both him and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in his failure to follow through on his rift with the PLO by entering unequivocally into a peace process with Israel.

But Hussein's equivoca-

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Swede joins panel in Taba dispute

GENEVA (JTA) — Gunnar Karl Andreas Lagergren, a 74-year-old international jurist from Sweden, will be the third member of the 3-man panel to arbitrate the Israeli-Egyptian border dispute over Taba, it was announced here recently by Pinhas Eliav, the Israeli ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

Eliav said Lagergren was the first choice of both the Israeli and Egyptian delegations which met here Sept. 29 to complete the panel or arbitrators. He was not immediately identified to allow for him to be officially informed and to accept the post.

Israel and Egypt agreed earlier on the other two arbitrators, Dietrich Schindler of Switzerland and Pierre Bellet of France. Both are international jurists.

The panel and delegates from both countries will open the arbitration proceedings here on Dec. 3. The process is expected to last a year.

Lagergren was born in Stockholm and received his law degree from the University of Stockholm. He has been a judge and arbitrator in numerous international litigations and disputes since 1949 and since 1967 has been president of the Supreme Restitution Court in the Federal Republic of Germany. He also served as president of the Court of Appeals for western Sweden, a judge at the Stockholm Court of Appeals and since 1977 as judge of the European Court of Human Rights.

Syria accused of plotting to blow up El Al airliner

LONDON (JTA) — The trial of a Jordanian charged with trying to blow up an El Al airliner opened here last week with a charge from the prosecution that Syria was behind the plot.

Hezar Hindawi, 32, is charged with trying to plant a bomb and detonating device aboard an El Al flight from London to Tel Aviv last April. El Al security agents foiled the plot just before the bomb was to brought aboard by Hindawi's girlfriend, Anne-Marie Murphy, who was pregnant with his child and didn't know her bag contained the explosive. She thought she was on her way to Tel Aviv to marry Hindawi, who told her he would follow later.

The prosecuting attorney charged that Hindawi told investigators Syrian intelligence officers gave him a Syrian passport, $12,000 (U.S.) and a bag with a false bottom which concealed 3¼ pounds of plastic explosives.

Apparently, Hindawi named the operatives involved and identified their pictures as the head of military intelligence for Syria and a Syrian air force inelligence officer, the prosecutor said.

The plane was supposed to blow up over Austria, killing all 375 aboard.

Meanwhile, Syria's ambassador to Britain, who has also been implicated in the plot, denied involvement and said it is a "setup to defame Syria."

World-National

Immigrants should be welcome

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

An old adage says that "Jews are just like any other people, only more so." That became painfully evident in several discussions I had with a number of Jewish groups.

The subject was Immigrants and Refugees. There were always a number of Jews present who portrayed what is to me a dangerous misconception of Canada and worse, who reasoned from their own Jewish experience that it is proper to keep refugees at bay. I'll try as best I can to reproduce their arguments.

Rabbi Plaut

Claim 1: "With unemployment still a serious problem, Canada is best off if we sharply reduce the influx of newcomers or if we shut off further immigration altogether." This is a popular myth which a lot of people believe to be The Truth, but which the best economic and socio-political studies have shown to be absolutely false.

Canada's wealth

The fact is that without immigration Canada would have a shrinking population and thereby further reduce its already small internal market. Canada is de facto an economic appendage to the United States, because south of the border they have 10 times the population we have. We will never be fully independent or financially healthy until we have enough people in this country to make it truly viable. Canada's wealth is only partially its natural resources, it lies even more so in its people. Immigrants made this country and help to make it today.

But, says the argument, they take jobs away from Canadians already here and aggravate our unemployment crisis. True in isolated short-term instances, but otherwise the very contrary is the fact. In the long run immigrants create new jobs, increase the tax base and add to the purchasing power of the public.

Besides, when they first come they usually take jobs no one else wants. That was borne out dramatically when, on the first day of his arrival in Toronto, one of the Tamil boat people started knocking at the doors of some plants asking for work. He found a job at once, not a glamorous one to be sure, but a job nonetheless. And so did 10 more Tamils the next day. "We've been advertising these jobs for days and none responded," said the personnel manager when a journalist asked him, "How come?"

Immoral argument

Claim 2: "I don't care about refugees because no one worried about us Jews when we were in need." Bad logic, I say, and immoral besides.

The first part of the argument reminds me of the parent who is totally disinterested in anything Jewish, but still wants his child to be bar mitzvah. Says he: "My father made me suffer, and I'll be darned if I let my son off the hook." Why should refugees fleeing for their lives suffer because Jews were once treated shabbily during the King/Blair era?

And it's an immoral argument to boot. Jews are not excused from the demands of righteousness and mercy because others did not extend these to us. The Torah says over and over again that we must love the stranger because we ourselves were strangers once in the land of Egypt. Translated into modern language it means that precisely because we experienced the trauma of displacement we should have empathy with people in similar circumstances.

The forthcoming Succoth festival reminds us forcibly of our wandering years. It's a good time as any to say to our federal minister of immigration, Gerry Weiner — a Jew! — that we Jews will support him in treating refugees and immigrants fairly and generously.

Animosity worries group

CLAL program to promote unity

By
ANDREW MUCHIN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership (CLAL) announced recently the formation of a program of dialogue and learning to attempt to close what it believes is the widening gap of intolerance and animosity that threatens to split the Jewish people.

"Am Echad" (One People) will bring together in one CLAL division existing programs of local rabbinic dialogue; lay and rabbinic communal programs; touring symposia about unity and a watch group on unity issues.

These will be combined with new programs: advanced theological and halachic (Jewish legal) dialogue to seek unifying solutions to divisive issues; engaging modern Orthodox scholars in study, discussion and communal experience; and offering help and guidance to international groups.

At a press conference, CLAL co-founder Rabbi Irving Greenberg called Am Echad "the most extensive program of dialogue, learning, alliance-building and unity efforts in the history of American Jewry and I dare say in the history of modern Jewry."

Through the writings and programming of Greenberg, CLAL has been in the forefront of publicly urging and seeking the healing of intra-Jewish wounds. In fact, Greenberg said the response to his 1985 essay "Will there be one Jewish people in the year 2000?" and a CLAL-sponsored Jewish interdenominational conference in March partly inspired the formation of Am Echad.

He said he thought North American Jews were coming to recognize what for him are the pertinent issues: "A demographic time bomb — the sharp growth in Jews' contested status consisting of converts and patrilineal children of second marriages where the mother's first marriage did not end in a get, or Jewish divorce."

He said this "was creating a situation of Jews considering themselves Jews or recognized as Jews by some and denied that status by others, compounding now two decades of increasing polarization."

This stratification he attributed to "power flowing to the polarizers or the people proposing the polarizing solutions." For example, he considered the Reform movement's decision to break with tradition and opt for patrilineal descent — to consider Jewish the child of either a Jewish father or mother — as "internally meaningful and important to Reform at the expense of the relationship with the Conservative and the Orthodox."

This polarization has caused problems, he said, citing the rupture this year of the interdenominational JWB commission to oversee Jewish military chaplains and "the almost incomprehensive" conflict recently between elements of Israel's secular and ultra-Orthodox communities.

He gained hope for a solution from the March CLAL conference in which Jewish leaders exchanged views in prepared speeches. He said that demonstrated the possibility and desirability of dialogue and that issues could be delineated.

Due to these factors, Greenberg urged the Jewish community to mount an effort for intra-Jewish unity akin to the successful Jewish-Christian rapprochement of the last 50 years.

He said the Jewish-Christian dialogue receives $10 million in direct annual funds while intra-Jewish dialogue receives $100,000-$200,000.

He added an American twist to his effort — the acceptance of a plurality of views. "We must, in short, accept freedom of choice and manage it to yield pluralism and co-operation," he said.

Solutions, too, can come from a variety of sources. "We call upon all groups in America and world Jewry to devote time, attention and to review resource allocation and to devote more efforts for k'lal Yisrael [Jewish unity]," he said, adding that CLAL will accept partners for any of these projects.

Initial funding for Am Echad will be provided by a $1 million challenge grant from Aaron and Marjorie Ziegelman of New York. Income from the anticipated $2 million fund will operate the program, according to the Ziegelmans. Jewish actor and activist Theodore Bikel will serve as a national chairman.

German group changes name

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — A group that called itself the "German-American Anti-Defamation League" has changed its name to "German-American Information and Education Association" after lawyers for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith warned it of court action of infringement on its name.

The Anti-Defamation League's name, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, has been ruled by courts to be the term originated with the B'nai B'rith and is inseparably associated with it. "Use of the term by other groups would lead to public confusion," the ADL said.

The "German-American Anti-Defamation League" ran "educational advertisements" in the Washington Post and The Washington Times in July and August that complained of "the constant bombardment of propaganda against the German people." They suggested critics of Kurt Waldheim apply "the same judicial standards" to the career of former Israeli Premier Menachem Begin.

"ADL investigation disclosed that the ads were taken out by Stan Rittenhouse of Burke, Va., who from 1974 to 1982 was a legislative aid to Willis Carto, the head of the anti-semitic Liberty Lobby," the ADL said. Rittenhouse was also described as the author of an anti-semitic book, For Fear of the Jews, and as the founder of Exhorters Foundation of Vienna, Va., which has "promoted such anti-Semitic publications as Henry Ford's 'The International Jew' and The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion."

The German-American group's ads listed the same post office box number as that of the German-American National Political Action Committee (GANPAC), a registered PAC headed by Hans Schmidt, a naturalized American who served in the Hitler Youth and Waffen SS in Germany, the ADL said.

Shouters win case

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Jerusalem district court ruled recently that shouting "Shabbes" at passing cars on Saturdays is not illegal.

Judge Ezra Kama dismissed charges against Rabbi Uri Blau, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect who led a group of shouters three years ago. He said such vocalizations are not in themselves incitement to disturb the peace.

Blau will stand trial shortly on charges of vandalizing bus shelters because of what he considered a "lewd" advertising poster.

Advice to single women: Forget the frightening figures

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — Have your parents been sending you veiled messages that read: Sweetheart, you aren't getting any younger?

Did the creep down the hall tell you last night that he might be your very last chance?

Do you find yourself wondering whether it would have been wiser to invest in a hope chest than an MBA?

Did one of your married friends suggest that maybe it was time to place an ad — very discreet, of course — in the personals column?

If so, you are suffering the long-term effects of fallout from THE STUDY. You know which one we mean.

By 30 years of age, The Study projected, a never-married woman had only a 20% chance of marrying. At 35, she had a 5% chance. At 40, the infamous Newsweek cover on The Study warned, she was "more likely to be killed by a terrorist." (A fate we might wish on the writers.)

The results of The Study, anointed as the Harvard-Yale Study, were carried nationwide on wings of ill-will as swiftly as radioactive debris from Chernobyl. They fell silently all over the population and settled into the marrow of women in their 30s. Since then, the singles set has been glowing with anxiety: "Say it ain't so."

Well, guess what? Somebody says it ain't so.

The figures looked funny to several people in the Census Bureau, including Jean Moorman. Unlike the great unwashed mathphobies among us, Moorman is an analyst of marriage and family statistics. She did not genuflect to the three Ivy League statisticians.

At 36 and married only three years ago, Moorman said to herself, "I just didn't believe that the current 30-year-olds were not going to get married. There is an awful lot of marrying going on right now."

Moorman and her colleagues did what statisticians do. They ran the numbers. Here is what they came out with:

- Of college-educated, 30-year-old, never-married women, 66% will eventually marry.
- Of 35-year-olds, 41% will marry.
- Of 40-year-olds, 23% will marry.
- Of 45-year-olds, 11% will marry.

The above information is offered to you in a form suitable for framing. Or for passing around at parties. One of Moorman's colleagues has found this a more effective mood brightener among her peer group than unlimited amounts of wine.

Is this just a case of dueling statistics? It's more like a case of dueling mathematical models.

The Harvard-Yale people got into this whole catastrophe as an experiment; for the first time they used something called a parametric model. I will spare you the details, but it is regarded by its designer as risky for these sorts of projections. The Census Bureau people used the standard model.

"They think I'm wrong and I think they're wrong," says Moorman philosophically. But she points to other weaknesses in The Study That Would Not Die. The sample, divided and subdivided, was rather puny.

Moreover, what separates these two sets of statistics — the difference that produced the Old Maid Revival — is a dispute over whether educated women are postponing the marriage option or closing it out. Here too, the trends are in the Census Bureau's direction. Not only has the median age of women at first marriage been rising rather dramatically, especially for educated women, so has the overall marriage rate.

The statisticians behind both The Study and The Rebuttal do agree on one thing. One of the Harvard-Yale team attests: "The bottom line is that we really don't know what will happen in the future."

These are statistics, not tea leaves, projections not predestination. Nobody predicted the baby boom itself and nobody can predict when, how and whether the boomers will marry.

The appalling part of the media hype of The Study is that it transformed marital choices into marital chances. We have analyzed the glee that accompanied this feat. It struck with the power of a backlash.

How nice now to have a second, user-friendly set of numbers that add up to one message: Relax.

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Panelists at UJA Day, sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation United Jewish Appeal Campaign Division, are shown with chairman of the day, Joan Stevens (centre). They are (from left) Shira Herzog Bessin, Dr. Ari Kruglanski, Ann Medina and Dr. Yonah Alexander. [Graphic Artists photo]

All Western world said terror target

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The target of terrorism today is no longer just Israel but all of the West, agree two authorities on the subject.

Dr. Joyce Starr and Dr. Yoram Peri told the start of a 1½-day conference on terrorism, held at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue by the Business and Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal, that because Israel has been so successful in preventing terrorist acts, the focus of terrorists today has shifted to encompass all of the Western world, including Israel.

Starr, the director of Near Eastern Studies at Georgetown University and a former advisor to President Jimmy Carter, told the 400 women that "all we have" to combat terrorism are "mundane methods," like increased security, international law, intelligence gathering and, as a last resort, the use of force.

"We cannot understand terrorism," Starr said. "There is no rhyme or reason or rationale to it.

"But there are general themes: either to bring down a government or to achieve a government."

Starr said the bombing of Libya by the United States last summer "did no good," because acts of terrorism show no sign of abating.

From 1969 to 1986, terrorist acts increased threefold, while in April of this year, there were 116 separate acts of terror in the world, she noted, with almost half occurring in Europe.

"We are living in an increasingly hopeless world, similar to the Dark Ages."

As for the terrorist, he or she is typically young and raised in an environment "where there is no hope. They feel no remorse and no regret. He may be pathological to you and me, but to him, he's without hope."

Starr said terrorism in Chile or Argentina is different because it isn't exported, whereas Palestinian terrorism usually is.

She said Palestinian terrorism may increase in the future because of low oil prices, which contribute to the impoverishment of the region and heighten a sense of frustration among the populace. Add to that the coming population explosions in Egypt and Syria and we have a volatile mix for the coming years.

Yoram Peri, a professor of political science at Tel Aviv University, said solving the Palestinian problem won't end terrorism.

Modern terrorism is different than from pre-World War I days, he explained. Prior to World War I, an act of political violence consisted of assassinating a leader. After 1918, targets became more and more symbolic. Today, Peri said, terrorism is more vicious, more widespread and affects more people. Targets are usually picked and killed at random.

But Israel, he noted, has been successful in pre-empting nine out of 10 acts of terrorism within its borders. From 1965 to 1985, 650 Israelis were killed by terrorists, a relatively small number, he said. The figure is the same, he pointed out, as the annual amount of car crash fatalities in Israel.

Because Palestinian terrorists have not been able to strike in Israel, they have moved elsewhere and have banded together with other groups like the IRA, the Red Brigade and the Baader-Meinhof gang, Peri said.

Peri agreed with Starr that all the West has to combat terrorism are better security arrangements, retaliation "in a surgical way," and, as a last resort, a pre-emptive strike.

Expansion of fanaticism cited

Century of terror predicted

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Low level terrorist warfare against Israel and the Jewish people may be with us "at least for the next century."

Terror networks are expanding, new groups are arising and there is an expansion of religious fanaticism all harkening back to the lawlessness of the Middle Ages, according to a researcher on world terrorism.

Dr. Yonah Alexander, director of the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism at the State University of New York, painted an admittedly "very bleak" picture of what is in store for Israel and the Western democracies. Speaking to 400 members of the Jewish Women's Federation, Campaign Division of the United Jewish Appeal, Alexander warned against adopting the "Munich complex" when dealing with terror — referring to the capitulation of Western states in the 1930s to the demands of Nazi Germany.

While the "state system" has been targeted by terrorism, the "good news" is that Western nations have begun to take stronger actions to counter the terrorist threat.

Alexander pointed out that much PLO terrorism was directed at other Palestinians leading to 500 deaths, including women and children. Some were targeted because they supported attempts to advance peace, Alexander said, citing the case of a former mayor of Gaza who is number 1 on the mainstream Fatah hit list.

Dr. Arie Kruglanski, who along with CBC television reporter Ann Medina and Alexander rounded out the panel of speakers, examined the 1,800 casualties (including 272 dead) suffered in Israel from terrorism between 1967-78, and noted that auto accidents and criminal violence claimed more lives.

American statistics are proportionately even lower, he stated, adding "the likelihood of an average person being killed by terror is the same as being killed by a cork from a champagne bottle."

Kruglanski, a professor of social psychology at the Tel Aviv University now teaching at the University of Wisconsin, said the often irrational fear instilled by terror does not always correspond to the actual danger it poses.

The fear arises because the incidents are "vivid" and often "sensationalized" by the media reporting them.

The media "magnify fear" and can lend legitimacy to terror leaders such as PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Kruglanski, quoting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, said the media provide the "oxygen of publicity" to terrorists, and suggested they use restraint when reporting terrorist events.

Medina, who as correspondent with CBC's The Journal covered the 1982 Lebanon war, acknowledged the media sensationalizes some terrorist incidents, pointing to the TWA hijacking in Lebanon, which was covered live.

But she said the media are often "a handy target" for those who feel "frustrated" by the inability of governments "to do something" about terrorism. Self-imposed restrictions on what the media report is not the answer to stopping violence, she said.

Medina warned against the threat of governments which wish to control the news in the interests of some higher goal. If the media were to cover stories with that "God syndrome" in mind they could find themselves playing along with government officials and becoming part of a "lynchmob psychology."

Medina pointed to recent revelations in the United States about an administration "disinformation" campaign aimed at painting Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi as "the bad guy," a campaign that many in the media went along with.

In the case of the Rome and Vienna airport attacks last summer, the U.S. at first claimed the terrorists were trained in Libya and later said they may have come from Syria. On another occasion, during the TWA crisis, a White House spokesman announced the hostages were released when in fact they were still held captive.

Under those sorts of circumstances, the media must not follow government reports blindly, Medina said.

She called for resort to tried and true journalistic criteria, such as striving for objectivity, obtaining verification and reporting the facts without comment.

Turning again to allegations of media sensationalism, she admitted it was a problem, but reminded the audience it was they who bought the newspapers and watched the reports they criticized as sensational, thus providing a market for that sort of reporting.

A question posed to the panelists following their remarks noted that questions of objectivity do not concern terrorists. They were simply interested in having their deeds reported.

Alexander replied by noting the absence of agreement in branding terrorists for what they are and not "using freedom fighters, commandos, guerillas and terrorists interchangeably."

The media should "call a spade a spade."

Medina agreed there is "confusion" in the words used to describe terrorists, and said care should be taken when covering terrorists.

She hearkened back to her theme of opposing a "news blackout," to which Kruglanski replied "No one wants a blackout." But "the media should realize that reporters have inherent biases" and that it assists terrorists by amplifying fear and making their deeds accessible to the public. These concerns should not be brushed aside "in the name of (searching for) truth," he said.

Shira Herzog Bessin acted as moderator of the 2-hour program at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Judy Scheininger thanked the panel, which was introduced by Joan Stevens, chairperson of the program.

Israeli doctors get Korans in appreciation

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

Expensive editions of the Koran are owned by a number of Israeli doctors.

No, they are not considering becoming converts to Islam; The books have been given to them as gifts by patients who have come secretly from Arab countries to consult them and have shown their appreciation in this way.

These Arab patients include men, women and children from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Abu Dhabi and Jordan.

The trend began after the Six Day War in 1967, when Israel's medical advisor in Gaza began referring complicated cases to Ashkelon Hospital. Word of the excellent treatment there spread from relatives to friends.

Despite the danger to them if it becomes known that they are traveling to Israel, more and more Arabs are arriving for medical treatment.

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QUESTION: May a woman sit in the succah?

In general, one doesn't see many women trying to sit in a succah. Frequently, as in October of this year, the weather is too cold for comfort in that frail abode. Even when the sun is shining, there are other problems. Bees come in to visit, attracted by the honey and the food, and wasps extend their compliments of the season.

Rabbi Burak

But, if a lady wishes to be with her family in the succah, there is good Talmudic precedent for it. We are told in Tractate Succah 2B, that "It happened with Queen Helena in Lydda that her succah was higher than twenty cubits, and the elders were going in and out of it and spake not a word in disagreement."

The point in the Talmudic discussion, and it is quite a lengthy piece, is that a succah should not be higher than 20 cubits. The tabernacle for the festival is supposed to be a fairly modest structure, and therefore, a succah that is higher than 20 cubits is not according to halacha. An answer is attempted: as a woman, Queen Helena was not really obligated to be in a succah, so she made it extra high.

This Queen Helena was a very interesting person. A note about her in the Soncino translation of this page in the Talmud tells us that she was "a famous convert to Judaism about the year 30 CE . . . the wife of Monobaz I, and mother of Monobaz II. She visited Palestine about the year 43 CE and presented a golden portal to the Temple."

The note does not give any source for this statement that Queen Helena was a convert to Judaism. We are indebted to the classic commentary, Maharsha, on Tractate Baba Basra 11A (citing the Yuchasin) to the effect that she was a gyores: born outside the Jewish fold, she became one of us.

If this is so, it could explain Helena's enthusiasm for the succah. Historically, the convert was stricter than the strict, and believed in giving a little more than was required. She didn't need to sit in the succah. But, she had one, and sat in it with her children.

But, this statement that Queen Helena was a convert to Judaism creates some problems that even the Maharsha did not take note of. The same may be said of a substantial note in the Otzar Meforshai ha-Talmud on Tractate Succah 2B. This great work, by the Machon Yerushalaim, states she was a convert, and cites the Rashi on Baba Basra, 11A, saying that Monobaz was the son of Helena, and was an Hasmonean.

Now, the Hasmoneans were Kohanim, and a Kohen is not permitted to marry a convert. So, how could the queen and her son be treated as tzadikim, when there was an infraction of the rules of marriage? All who have studied Tractate Kiddushin 78A are aware that such a marriage is forbidden. So, Rashi cannot hold Queen Helena was converted.

She was a good Jewish woman who was intent on raising her sons properly. What she told them to do, she did herself. Let all Jewish ladies who regard themselves as queens, emulate her example, sit in the succah too. Perhaps you too will merit to have seven sons, even as Helena did. She kept an eye on them, and according to the Tosefta, they all grew up to be Torah scholars.

Jews for Jesus director

Religious freedom cited in trial

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Canadian director of Jews for Jesus went on trial here last week for trespassing at York University.

(The trial was proceeding as The CJN went to press).

Steve Cohen pleaded not guilty to the charge laid last April 10, when he was arrested at York for allegedly distributing his group's literature without the university's permission.

Cohen said he has the constitutional right to come onto the York campus to pass out pamphlets and engage in dialogue with students. In preventing him from doing that, Cohen says York is violating his freedom of religion and freedom of expression, as outlined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Cohen was arrested for trespassing by police after being asked to leave York's central square several times by university officials, provincial court heard.

Last February, Cohen and a colleague were escorted off the campus for handing out Jews for Jesus literature and were told if they returned without York's permission, they would be arrested.

Cohen's lawyer, Robert Nadeau, told court the case is probably the first test of the relation between law and freedom of religion, and "the tension that exists between the constitutionality of protection of religion and the legitimate interests of the university."

Nadeau said his client's arrest was tantamount to denying him his freedom to express his religious beliefs.

"Does the Charter apply to the university so as to guarantee freedom of religious expression?" asked Nadeau. "Did the university have the right to expel him?"

He said Cohen was expressing "honestly held religious beliefs," and that York's action constituted "unlawful prior restraint."

But Crown attorney Peter Jervis argued that trespassing has no relation to religious belief and the whole subject of constitutional rights is only "marginally relevant."

"Does the Constitution give the public the right to go wherever they please?" Jervis asked. A university, he said, may be a public institution but it is private property, "unlike an airport or train station."

Jervis tried to prove that Jews for Jesus, an organization that recognizes Jesus as the messiah of Israel, is out to proselytize Jews in an "aggressive" manner and that the group's presence on campus was insulting and disruptive to Jewish students.

Jervis produced several of the group's pamphlets which he said are directed at Jews "in a patently obvious way," and intended "to provoke an abrupt response."

Some of the pamphlets' titles were Jesus Made Me Kosher, Christmas is a Jewish Holiday and Where Was God? which asked how six million Jews could have been killed in the Holocaust. All these subjects, Jervis said, are calculated to have an "emotional relevance" to Jews.

Given that, Jervis said, and the fact that Jews for Jesus did not have permission to be at York, police were justified in arresting Cohen.

But in taking the stand, Cohen denied Jews for Jesus is out to convert Jews exclusively.

Cohen, 37, a self-described minister of his order, said Jews for Jesus "is an organization that helps Jews find Jesus and helps Christians understand Jews." He said Jews for Jesus' mission is to tell Jews and Gentiles "from a Jewish perspective" that Jesus "is the messiah."

Cohen said Jews for Jesus is a bona fide religious order that was chartered in Canada in 1976 and that he has made over 1,000 appearances in churches across Canada.

Cohen acknowledged that his group never received permission from York to come onto campus, as is required from other organizations that have booths or tables at the university, or who distribute literature and solicit funds.

Cohen felt he "didn't need permission," even after he met privately to discuss the matter with the university provost and the director of student affairs.

Cohen admitted that on the day he was arrested, there was "an emotionally charged" atmosphere at the school's central square.

Cohen's group and York University's Jewish Students Federation have been at loggerheads ever since Jews for Jesus applied for membership in the school's interfaith council, an umbrella body for all on-campus religious organizations.

Last winter, Jews for Jesus withdrew its application to the council after it failed to receive the required number of signatures endorsing its membership.

The JSF said Jews for Jesus' membership in the council would be an "affront" to Jews on campus and that Jews for Jesus engages in "deceitful" practices.

Cohen said that at first, his group did have the signatures but that they were withdrawn because of pressure from the 5,000-member JSF, the largest of the religious groups at York.

Kagedan receives new executive post with Congress

MONTREAL —

Ian Kagedan has been appointed assistant national executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, it was announced recently.

Kagedan will retain his position as national director of CJC's department of religious and inter-religious affairs, a position he has held since joining the national staff of Congress in September 1985.

Prior to his work at Congress national level, Kagedan served on the staff of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council as community relations director for CJC in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Kagedan came to Winnipeg in 1980 as a lecturer in religious studies at the University of Winnipeg. During his stay in Winnipeg, he also served on a number of boards and committees, including the board of Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, the local Jewish high school.

He participated on the education and curriculum committee of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education; the College and Campus Committee of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council; the Jewish-Lutheran Interaction Committee of the WJCC; and the board of directors and executive committee of the Jewish Child and Family Service of Winnipeg.

Kagedan has both a Master of Arts and a Master of Philosophy degree from Columbia University, where he specialized in ancient and semitic languages and cultures.

Since returning to Montreal, Kagedan has been appointed to the CBC Quebec Region Religious Advisory Council, where he is vice-president. He is also a member of the board of directors of Beth Tikvah Congregation.

Claims for restitution deadline is Dec. 31

MONTREAL —

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany (Claims Conference) has issued a reminder to Jewish victims of Nazi persecution who worked as forced laborers in the factories of Dynamit-Nobel or Verwertchemie, that the deadline for filing claims expires Dec. 31.

Claims can be filed by writing Compensation Trauhand, Gruneburfweg 119, 6000 Frankfurt, West Germany. They should contain factual information concerning the time, place, and circumstances of the victim's forced labor.

Further information is available by contacting the United Restitution Organization (URO) of Canada.

In Montreal, contact URO, 279 Sherbrooke St. W., Rm. 409, H2X 1Y2; (514) 844-2821. The Toronto address is URO, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 321, M2R 3V2; (416) 630-2920.

China, Israel involved in sprinkler diplomacy

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

China and Israel are engaged in "sprinkler diplomacy." While officially the Asian giant does not recognize Israel, its National Agricultural Research Institute has set aside a 5-acre plot in Beijing to exhibit Israel's drip method of irrigation technology and contracted for $500,000 of Israeli seedlings for Chinese farmers.

Singapore represented China's role in the arrangements. A setback in the relationship occurred when a Chinese delegation cancelled its planned visit to Israel's Agritech Fair in Tel Aviv when an Israeli newspaper reported the scheduled trip.

The fair was "the most successful we've ever had" according to Ram Gutt, director of Israel's Export Institute. Among the 106 nations represented were many that do not have diplomatic relations with Israel.

Jordan bought $2 million worth of Israeli agricultural equipment through a dummy company on the West Bank. Poland and Hungary purchased pharmaceuticals for veterinary use while Bulgaria contracted for a million dollars worth of pesticides. Ethiopia bought cattle and Lebanese farmers purchased a wide range of equipment and supplies.

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"My sort of person"

Whelan calls Sharon tough, but no warmonger

TORONTO —

Ariel Sharon, Israel's commerce and industry minister, appeared tough but was no warmonger when he met former federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan during his 9-day visit to Israel in January, 1979, Whelan relates in his recently published memoirs.

Whelan says in the book, entitled Whelan, that he knew of the military record of Sharon, then Israel's agriculture minister, and had heard that his ambition was to become defence minister.

"Given these things, I thought I'd play a little joke to find out what sort of person he really was," says Whelan. Before leaving Canada, his staff had given him a tank commander's hat with gold stars and gold braid, says the former Liberal politician who was to have his first meeting with Sharon on a moshav.

"That day at the moshav I was wearing my beige stetson, but I was holding this little military hat behind my back. The minute I saw Sharon — he was dressed in khaki pants and shirt and heavy army boots, looking like he was ready to hop in his tank and go off to battle — I whipped off the stetson and whipped on the army hat.

"Right away he smiled a great big smile. By the way he responded I knew he was my sort of person; that he could take a joke and laugh at himself."

Whelan says he had been told before leaving for Israel that Sharon would have time to spend about an hour or so with him. As things turned out, they got along so well that Sharon spent four days with the Canadian party and invited the Canadian minister for dinner at his ranch in the Negev.

"He (Sharon) was pleasant enough, but I could tell right away that he could be tough too. He seemed a determined person, but he didn't seem the type who would order or condone a massacre, as he was later accused of doing when the Israelis invaded Lebanon.

"And he could talk about anything, including agriculture. I think the Israelis are much more conscious than most developed countries of the importance of agriculture because of what they've done in so short a time — going from being a net importer to a net exporter of food.

"Our conversation ranged over all sorts of topics: agricultural production, trade, research, politics. We got along amazingly well. Nothing in our conversation indicated to me that he was a warmonger, but that doesn't mean he couldn't be a real tough soldier."

Whelan said he greatly admired Agrexco — Israel's government agricultural export corporation and was convinced a similar operation would work in Canada.

"I thought it was a beautiful system, and Canagrex, which I introducted in 1983, (was) essentially the same thing," he states.

Within its first nine months, the corporation had signed or had in the works quite a few contracts with foreign importers, largely to the benefit of small Canadian exporters — exactly the people we designed it for," Whelan says.

However, he laments, "when the Conservatives got elected in 1984 one of the first things they did was to shoot Canagrex down while it was still on the runway, before it had a chance to fly."

PLO series at school

SAO PAULO, Brazil —

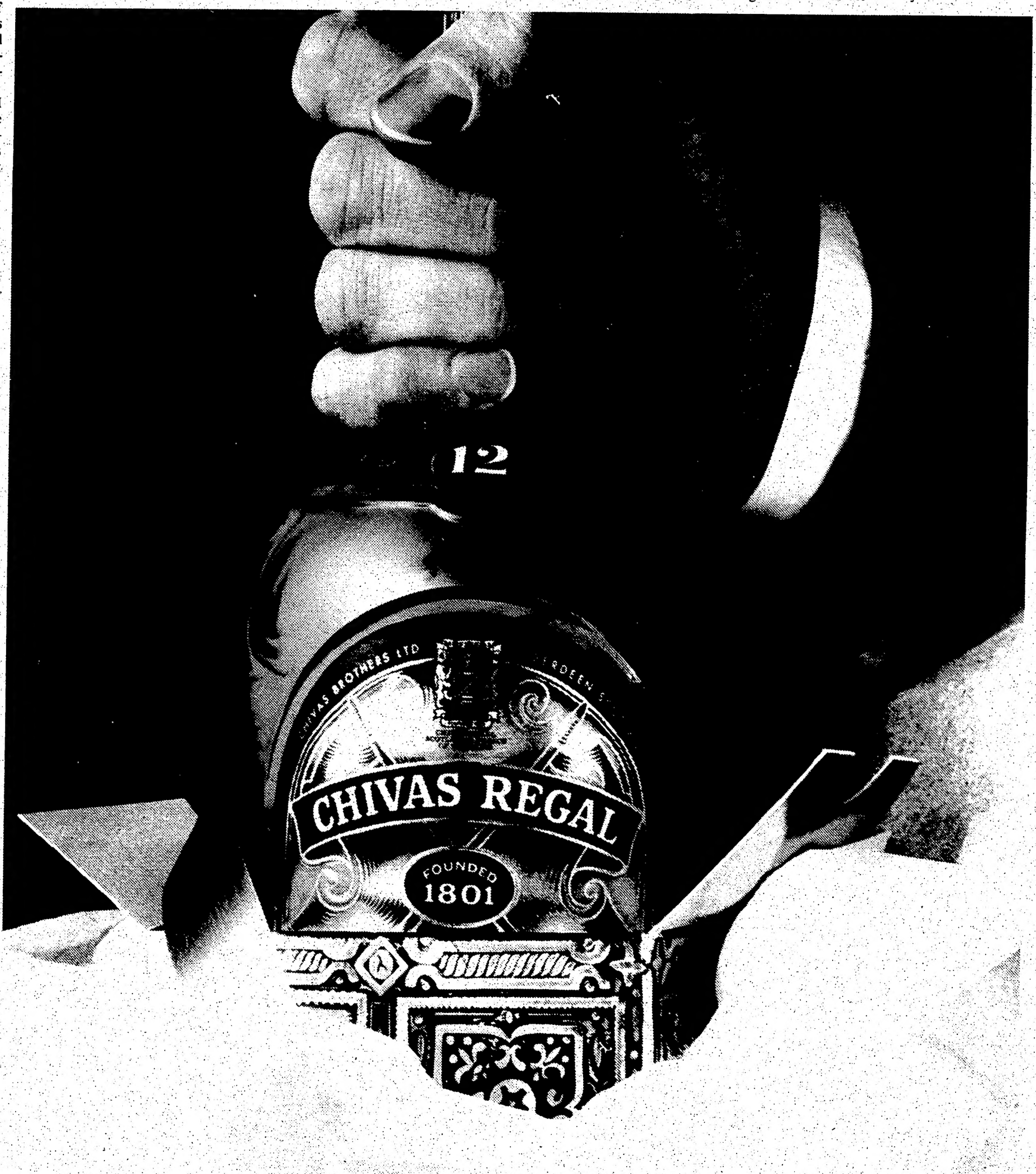
The Methodist University here has announced a series of PLO-funded courses of a virulently anti-Zionist nature, the World Jewish Congress reported recently.

A few years ago, the Jewish community of Brazil was shocked by the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Methodist University of Piracicaba in the state of Sao Paulo and the PLO. This agreement is finding its first concrete expression in the organization of a 50-hour "International University Outreach Course on the Palestinian Reality," according to WJC.

The lecturers are the PLO ambassador in Nicaragua, the PLO representative in Mexico, members of the PLO representation in Brazil and a Colombian and an Argentinian of Arab origin.

Among the subjects to be taught are "Zionism as a form of racism" and "Zionism and its relations with Nazism." The program announcement states that the course is funded by the PLO, and that participants will receive tuition discounts. The announcement is signed by university rector Elias Boaventura and the director of the Human Sciences Center, Julio Romero Ferreira.

The Confederacao Israelita do Brasil, the central representative body of Brazilian Jewry and the WJC affiliate here, has denounced this development through the press. It also has had contacts with the Evangelical churches.



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World-National

In wake of Deschenes inquiry

Group aims to heal big Ukrainian-Jewish rift

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Concern over the relations between Canada's Jewish and Ukrainian communities brought on by the Deschenes Commission of Inquiry on War Criminals has spurred a group of mainly Jewish and Ukrainian lawyers in Winnipeg to get together to try to improve the atmosphere.

"The problem has become very serious," said Israel Ludwig, a former chairman of the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights Midwest Region, and, currently, a vice-president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

"We've received reports of strong anti-semitic feelings within the Ukrainian community and we also know there are some Jews ready to brand all Ukrainians as war criminals.

"The idea behind our group," he continued, "is to offer ourselves as a mediating body on a national or local basis to resolve differences. Our role model is the late Senator Paul Yuzyk who tried last year to bring together the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Ukrainian Committee. Unfortunately, he died before his attempts reached fruition."

In addition to Ludwig, committee members consist of Jewish lawyers Sam Wilder, Hymie Weinstein and David Marr, with Don Bryk, Ole Romanow, Andrew Ogaranko and Chris Iwanchuk representing the Ukrainian point of view. Group co-chairmen and founders Don Baizley and Alan McInnes are neither Jewish nor Ukrainian.

"Don and I were approached by a couple of individuals — one Jewish and one Ukrainian — last summer who indicated there was this problem and suggested we organize this group to discuss it and see what we could do to deal with it," said McInnes.

"Our initial reaction was that it was news to us, but if there was a problem, it wasn't healthy either for the country or our community. In this province, this city, both the Ukrainian and Jewish communities play significant roles."

McInnes and Baizley entered into the matter with some trepidation, half expecting the two communities would challenge their right to be involved. They called together lawyers they were comfortable with from the two communities and held their first meeting in early August. "We ascertained there really was a problem and had a second meeting a couple of weeks later," said McInnes.

"The group itself is working very well," said Ludwig. "It's a big advantage that we are all lawyers, members of a professional fraternity. Some of us are in the same firms.

"The talks have been harmonious. No extreme opinions are represented among us, but we have been made aware of those in the communities. We feel that our group is moving toward a united position."

The legal group recently released a letter to the public to put itself on record before the Deschenes Commission submits its findings. "We don't want to seem to be simply reacting to the report," said McInnes.

As to their next step, it depends on developments. "We may try to expand or get other professions and businessmen involved," said Ludwig. "It's a slow process."

"We're offering a small example of co-existence," said McInnes. "We hope that eventually the parent organizations — the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Ukrainian Committee — will stop the finger pointing and get together on a joint statement on the issue."

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years.

In a series of articles Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

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BEGIN — HOROVITZ

Alice Neuberger of Montreal poses two interesting questions.

What is the origin of Begin and where does the name Horovitz come from?

Menachem Begin, erstwhile Prime Minister of Israel, made his surname familiar. It belongs in the category of names adopted to show "yichus" — pride of ancestry, like Rabinowitz, son of a rabbi. The Hebrew equivalent is BEHAR (Ben Harav). Begin connotes Ben Gaon — the son of a GAON — a title given to the heads of the Hebrew colleges in Babylon.

My correspondent asks whether the French name Begin (surname of former Minister Monique) is related. Although the spelling is the same, the French pronunciation of Begin leads me to the conclusion that the names are not related.

Horovitz is a toponymic name derived from a small town in the Bohemian part of Czechoslovakia — HORAZDOVICE. It has many variations in spelling and pronunciation, like HOROWITZ, HURWICH and GUROVITCH, but all emanate from the same source.

U.S. Supreme Court to decide:

Do civil rights laws apply to Jews?

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether Jews are protected by the U.S. civil rights laws.

Opening its new term last week, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal for Shaare Tefila Congregation, a Conservative synagogue in the Washington suburb of Silver Spring, Md., that was defaced in November, 1984 with anti-semitic epithets and Nazi symbols.

Eight men were charged in criminal court, one of whom was convicted of destroying property. But the 500-member congregation filed for damages under two federal civil rights laws passed after the Civil War to protect Blacks.

However, last March the Fourth District Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., upheld a ruling by a federal district court in Maryland that the statutes did not apply to Jews because they are not members of a separate race.

The Supreme Court also agreed to hear the case of an Iraqi-born U.S. citizen who sued St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa., charging that he was denied tenure because he is an Arab.

In this case, which occurred around the same time as the synagogue case, the third U.S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia said that when Congress spoke of "race" it "was to ensure that all persons be treated equally, without regard to color or race."

Irvin Shapell, president of the Jewish Advocacy Center, said Shaare Tefila originally brought the suit "to send the clear and emphatic message that anti-semitic violence will not be tolerated and that Jews will fight back to the fullest extent of the law."

The Jewish Advocacy Center, a nonprofit legal service organization which represents without charge victims of anti-semitic violence in civil damages lawsuits, and the Washington law firm of Hogan and Hartson is representing the congregation in the suit.

"Although the congregation does not claim that Jews are a separate race, it does argue that Jews are entitled to protection if acts of hate violence against them are racially motivated," Shapell said.

"Courts should not decide whether someone is entitled to protection based on their racial makeup, but rather based on the nature of the attack against them," he said.

"Many people and groups suffer 'racial' attacks even though they are not considered a 'race.' Those people and groups are entitled to the same protection under federal law given to others."

No date has been set yet for arguments on the case before the Supreme Court.

Israelis back in Warsaw

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The first Israelis of diplomatic rank posted to Warsaw in nearly 20 years attended Rosh Hashanah services there, to the delight of the local Jewish community, according to a report from the Polish capital published in Davar.

The diplomats, Alex Ben-Zvi and David Koren, will head the Israeli interests office to be opened in Warsaw shortly. They and their families were applauded by about 130 other worshipers attending the service which was conducted by a cantor from Jerusalem, Binyamin Glickman.

The services were also attended by Israelis working on the former Israel embassy building at 24 Kashevitzky St. which will house the interests section. The building has been vacant since Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel in 1967 and is in need of repairs.

Heavy security surrounded the synagogue, according to the Davar report. The Jewish community had requested it after the attack on an Istanbul synagogue by Arab terrorists last month. The Polish authorities provided uniformed police and plainclothesmen who wore black skullcaps whenever they entered the synagogue.

The synagogue was built several years ago with government assistance.

The Jewish population of Poland is estimated at between 15,000-20,000 but only about 200 still attend prayer services. There has been no Jewish wedding for years. An elderly worshiper at the Rosh Hashanah services told the Davar correspondent, "We are not used to the presence of children."

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Meir Aaron Goldschmidt was born Oct. 16, 1819 in Denmark, site of Scandinavia's oldest Jewish community. The essayist, novelist and journalist was the country's leading literary figure in the 19th century, second in popularity only to Hans Christen Andersen.

The Danish community began in 1622 when a group of Sephardic Jews from Amsterdam and Hamburg accepted King Christian IV's invitation to help develop the newly founded Shleswig-Holstein city of Gluckstadt, at the advice of his Jewish physician Dr. Jonah Charizi. In 1657, they were admitted into the country proper, joined shortly afterwards by Jews fleeing the devastation of the 30 Years War in Germany.

Jews were excluded from Sweden until the end of the 18th century and Norway until 1851; the latter's first synagogue was established in 1891.

By 1684, there were synagogues in Frederica, East Jutland and Nakskov. Seventh century cemeteries there and in Aalborg, Randers, Aarhus Horsens, Odense and Siagelso are reminders of pioneer settlements in Denmark. Copenhagen's community was founded by 1700, and its first synagogue dedicated in 1766. Freedom of religious expression was officially granted Denmark's Jews, then numbering some 3,000, in 1814.

Sense of humor

Goldschmidt was born in the village of Vordingborg, Zealand, where prevailing prejudice combined with a strong literary bent drove him from medicine to journalism. At 18, he founded a liberal weekly, Nestved Ugeblad. It and later, in Copenhagen, his satirical Corsaren attacked Denmark's absolute monarchy and hardset civil service. His clear style, unflinching approach and sense of humor, combined with the notoriety of fines and heavy-handed censorship, made him the country's best read journalist. The growing liberal movement embraced him.

He launched his career as novelist in 1845 with the publication of *A Jew*. This powerful tale describes the downfall of a young Jew who leaves his traditional home to pursue love with a Christian girl, invoking the curse of his father. It projected positive descriptions of Jewish customs and festivals to a wide Danish reading audience. It was translated into English seven years later. The novel also contained a prophetic warning to Denmark's Jews, who were entering a prolonged period of assimilation.

From 1847 to 1859, Goldschmidt wrote and published the influential Danish periodical Nord og Syd, which disseminated the latest ideas in literature, arts, the theatre, and politics to up-and-coming intellectuals and the general public alike. Nord og Syd played a major role in bringing Scandinavian literature up to European standards. One of Goldschmidt's proteges was fellow Danish Jew Georg Brandes, a respected critic who fought for the recognition of new writers from Ibsen, Bjornsen and Strindberg, to Nietzche, and described extensively to his countrymen the world's leading cultural figures.

Short stories

Following a number of short stories in which Jews predominate, Goldschmidt's second novel *Homeless* describes the alienation and confusion of a Gentile poet in an age that he grows increasingly unable to comprehend. A major character in the novel is a cultured English Jew who teaches the hero that happiness and misery are balanced in a person's life and that the consequences of sin are played out on earth. Later critics have seen the hero himself as the archetype of the Jewish-born intellectual cut off from his traditions, boosting Goldschmidt's reputation for farsightedness.

Goldschmidt's two subsequent novels, Arvingen (The Heir), published in both Danish and English in 1865, and The Raven, 1867, show a distinct Jewish influence. Jewish characters are the specific yet sympathetic focus of short stories like Maser, Avrochme Nattergal and Levi of Ibald.

Goldschmidt is commemorated by a memorial in Frederksberg's Allegade, in Copenhagen. A street, Goldschmidtvej, is named after him.

His more enduring legacy is the wordly yet pious protagonists he created, still largely unequalled in modern literature.

Canadians, Israelis hold conference

Broadcasting policies discussed

Flora MacDonald, Canada's minister of communications, at the opening of the Canada-Israel conference on broadcasting. Shown (from left) are Donald MacSween, head of the National Arts Centre; Prof. Yeshayahu Hir, chairman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Communications; Miss MacDonald; Ralph Halbert, co-founder of the Hebrew University's Program of Canadian Studies, and Eliashiv Ben Horin, Israel's ambassador to Canada.

OTTAWA — Canadian and Israeli broadcasters, academics and media executives met in Ottawa recently to discuss their country's respective broadcasting policies regarding content.

The conference concentrated on cultural identity in an age of global communications.

Organized by the Program of Canadian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Institute of Canadian Studies at Carleton University, it was the concluding stage of a 2-step conference that began last June at the Hebrew University.

The Program, the largest operating outside North America, was jointly established by the Government of Canada and Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto.

Flora MacDonald, Canada's minister of communications, said the conference was a "welcome effort" towards finding solutions to the similar problems facing Canada and Israel.

"Formulating policy to regulate content is a difficult and often controversial exercise. Some argue that it shouldn't be done at all. I am confident because of the international cooperation approach that this conference will be able to reach inciteful and carefully researched proposals and perhaps conclusions in this field."

But if any conclusion did emerge, it was that agreement on such a controversial issue is impossible.

Knowlton Nash, anchor of CBC's The National, started his presentation by saying "to be brutally honest, Canada is a culturally-occupied nation."

He said "border-busting" new technologies have flooded Canada with American signals. As a result, 70% of the 23 hours per week the average Canadian watches of prime time television is American.

He said one-third of Canadian prime time is made up of dramas, 80% of which are American in origin.

"Our challenge is to try to find ways to get more Canadian programs on the air," he said, adding that broadcast statistics show that when Canadian dramas are offered, they obtain a respectable share of the viewing audience.

He said the one bright spot for Canadian television is news coverage. Over 90% of Canadians prefer Canadian television news.

Gerald Caplan, co-chairman of the Caplan-Sauvageau Task Force on Broadcasting, said the formation of a new broadcasting policy is crucial to Canada's future as a nation.

He said his colleagues in Europe have told him Canada's experience with foreign programming is universal. "The trend is very clear — all the equipment is Japanese, all the programs are American."

But the satellite technology flooding Canada can also be used to raise Canada's profile.

"Our solution is to use the birds (satellites) to show Canadian programs everywhere in the country," said Caplan.

In addition, his task force recommend "old-fashioned regulation to force private media and broadcasters to carry more Canadian programming."

Micha Yinon, director of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, said that Israeli television also suffers from a lack of locally-generated programming.

He said that only 40% of the programming on Israeli television is locally produced, "the remaining is purchased mainly from the U.S., and some from Europe."

Yinon said the Israeli government's decision to start a second general-purpose channel will not alleviate this situation. "I'm afraid the new service will be more of the same, and not competition."

He added that in his opinion, the new channel represents a government attempt to take greater control over Israeli broadcasting.

"The minister of communications has promised every minister that he'll have a representative on the new station's board of directors. On top of this, the chief editor of the news department will be appointed directly by the government of Israel.

"The second channel is a tool to fight against the first channel, which has really become an independent station," he said.

Paul Morton, president of the Global Television Network, said he disagreed with any move towards greater government control of the airwaves.

"Canadian content regulations establishes one thing — minimums become maximums. Your goal becomes meeting your regulatory requirement. Quality, and everything else, goes by the board."

Senator Jerry Grafstein criticized the view that American programming is threatening Canadian sovereignty.

He said that in spite of the fact that "Toronto is the freest television market in the world," it has managed to become the world's third-largest market for English live theatre.

He said television and film are a transnational phenomenon, and something to be welcomed, not feared.

Grafstein said that Israel should liberalize its broadcasting laws and increase its number of signals.

"You should put up TV transmitters, and flood the Middle East with whatever you have to say," he said.

In an interview after the conference's conclusion, Richard Clippingdale, director of Carleton University's Institute of Canadian Studies, said he was "fascinated" by the shared perspectives of Canadian and Israeli broadcasters and academics.

"The two countries each face the problem of establishing their own national identity in an age where they are being bombarded with all sorts of communications influences, in both cases from the United States," he said.

He is pleased that joint Canada-Israel research teams are being established as a result of the conference. "Our Israeli friends, when studying us, can teach us many things about ourselves that we otherwise wouldn't have known."

The conference also featured the first showing in Canada of Camera Biblica, an exhibition of the first photographs ever taken in Israel. The exhibit of 19th and 20th century photographs, compiled by Prof. Yeshayahu Nir, chairman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Communications, will be presented across Canada.

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Editorial

An unwanted voice

Jewish folklore speaks of a town in Eastern Europe whose Jewish inhabitants were characterized by acts of eccentric stupidity. The residents of Chelm, however, caused laughter more than anything else with their foolish deeds.

Last month in Canada Chelm paid a visit — in the form of a meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization. ICAO meets on a more or less regular basis but the assembly held in Montreal recently was called to discuss among other things the barbaric acts of degenerate bigotry that Arab terrorists have perpetrated in recent months.

Less interesting than the deliberations at ICAO was the presence of two members of the PLO at the sessions. Because of the Soviet-Arab-Muslim hegemony at the United Nations, the PLO has been given observer status at ICAO. This means that the PLO representatives may not vote but may participate in sessions.

At the Montreal meetings the PLO spokesmen got more publicity than any other delegation — including a 3-minute interview on CTV with Abdullah Abdullah from the PLO's Ottawa office.

The PLO insofar as aircraft hijacking is concerned, is as the Hebrew phrase goes — the "av hateumah," the principal source of contamination. Since 1969 the PLO has been the major exponent of and practitioner of air piracy . . . a form of terrorism which it honed to ugly perfection.

The PLO has now been rewarded for its foul record of international murder by being granted a seat on the council whose responsibility is to guarantee the safety of air travelers.

The problem of course is that ICAO's dereliction is far graver than anything the inhabitants of Chelm ever did. The latter hurt only themselves, and then only gently so. ICAO, on the other hand, has jeopardized its own reputation and damaged the interests of the flying public by opening its deliberations to the people who make a mockery of civilized norms of society.

Following the Chelm-ICAO form of reasoning, we can now expect at some future date that delegations representing the IRA, Islamic Jihad, Hisbollah, and other assorted terrorist groups will be seated at ICAO councils.

Scholars square off

It is not often that scholars from Israel, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia get together under international auspices for some solid exchanges of learned views.

That, according to Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg (writing in a recent issue of The New York Review of Books), is precisely what occurred in Paris during late December of 1985.

What is even more significant is that the scholarly conclave was sponsored by UNESCO and the infamous Amadou Mahtar M'Bow who apparently believed that his role in creating the Maimonides commemorative colloquim might deflect some of the intense criticism which UNESCO has received in recent years (and perhaps even a reversal of the disastrous American and British decisions to withdraw financial support).

Whatever the motive, the Paris conference was an amazing event as scholars from North America, Europe, Israel and several Arab countries gave papers on various aspects of Maimonidean thought.

As might be expected, several of the Islamic specialists present sought to portray Maimonides as a man of Islamic civilization. In a sense that is true inasmuch as the author of The Guide to The Perplexed and the MishneTorah wrote some of his most profound ideas in — Arabic.

One of the Arab participants went too far, however, when he argued that during Miamonides' difficult years in Cordova, the great Jewish philosopher had actually converted to Islam! A Jewish respondent at the conference had to point out to the overzealous Arab scholar that not only had Maimonides never converted to Islam but that he had made a number of uncomplimentary remarks about the Prophet.

One of the high points of the conference was a dispute between Prof. Shlomo Pines of the Hebrew University and an academic from Saudi Arabia who argued, it seems, rather effectively about certain errors in translation found in Pines' already classical English translation of The Guide to the Perplexed.

It is comforting to know that a Sephardic Jewish genius who died 850 years ago is seen by the Arab-Islamic world to be a kindred spirit.

Ernst Zundel (centre) and followers.

Book tells why

Zundel hurt German image

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Ernst Zundel, the German-born propagandist convicted of wilfully spreading false news about the Holocaust, said gleefully after his 7-week trial that he had received a million dollars worth of free publicity for his noxious opinions.

His assertion seemed plausible at the time, and may even be true. But social scientists Gabriel Weimann (a Haifa University sociologist) and Conrad Winn (a Carleton University political scientist) beg to differ. In *Hate On Trial: The Zundel Affair, The Media, And Public Opinion in Canada (Mosaic Press, $12.95 paper)*, Weimann and Winn conclude that, as a result of the publicity generated by the trial, the first of its kind in North America, this peddler of neo-Nazi propaganda actually did more harm to the image of Germans than of Jews in Canada.

The trial, held in a downtown Toronto courtroom in the winter of 1985, got massive coverage, particularly among the English-language media. Yet, as the authors point out, only half of their respondents knew what Zundel was convicted of.

Weimann and Winn found that awareness of the trial was highest among university graduates, high income earners, English Canadians, residents of British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario (in that order), Baptists and Lutherans, professionals, urban dwellers and people in their middle years.

Awareness was lowest among Canadians with a primary school education, residents of New Brunswick, Quebec and Newfoundland, low income earners, French Canadians, Roman Catholics, unemployed, women, rural dwellers and young people.

One of their most salient findings is that awareness of the trial was higher among Canadians who opposed Zundel's views than among those who shared them.

"The trial may not have contributed to anti-Judaism for the simple reason that the events of the trial did not reach those who are most open to anti-Jewish thoughts," they note.

On the basis of their data, Weimann and Winn believe it was much more likely to increase sympathy for Jews. Here are their statistics: Forty seven percent said that their feelings toward Jews remained unchanged, and 26% reported that they did not know how their feelings were affected. Twenty four percent said they became more sympathetic, and only 2% reported a reverse effect.

Weimann and Winn say that most newspaper commentators feared that Zundel would be successful in using the court as a platform for disseminating hatred against Jews. In fact, the opposite was true. Zundel, ironically, generated animosity against Germans. Ninety two percent of the respondents reported an increase in sympathy for Jews, while 79% reported a decrease in sympathy for Germans.

Although women were less informed of the trial, they add, women reported becoming more sympathetic to Jews than men.

People whose feelings about Jews remained the same tended to be males, younger than 60, anglophones, university educated, and residents of Alberta and Nova Scotia. "The unchanging response of university graduates makes sense, since these people were most apt to be well informed about the Holocaust before the trial began," they explain. There is no explanation of why English Canadians under 60, in Alberta and Nova Scotia, were not influenced by the trial.

Weimann and Winn tried to measure the impact of the trial by asking direct questions about the Holocaust. The results are depressing. Sixty percent held Jews blameless for the Nazis' extermination policy. But 16% said it was "partly" their own fault, and 23% said they did not know how to apportion blame.

Barely half agreed that 6 million Jews died in the Holocaust, and 15% believed the estimate was *too high*. Twenty eight percent indicated they did not know.

"These are indeed unpleasant findings, but they are not a consequence of the Zundel trial... Those who either blamed Jews or who believed that fewer than 6 million died were apt to be unable to explain why Zundel's trial took place. Those Canadians who believed that reports about the Holocaust were exaggerated and who therefore were potentially most receptive to Holocaust-denial propaganda held their views before the trial took place. Those most receptive to Holocaust-denial propaganda were not affected by the trial because they were unaware of it."

How did the media itself influence Canadians?

Exposure to television news, they say, contributed to positive feelings about Jews. The print media also increased sympathies for Jews, but not to the same degree as TV.

Non-readers were less apt to become sympathetic to Jews than readers. However, heavy readers were no more likely to become sympathetic than light readers.

Perhaps the most telling chapter in Hate On Trial is on anti-Jewish prejudice in Canada. What it shows is that people in their middle years, aged 40 to 50, tend to be somewhat less prejudiced against Jews than those older and younger than themselves. As many as 50% under the age of 25 do not hold Jews blameless for the victimization during the Holocaust.

The authors offer some reasons. Canadians over 40 grew up with the Holocaust fresh in their minds, provided they were aware of it, and were thus more likely to be sympathetic to Jews. Canadians under 25 are much farther removed historically from the Holocaust and therefore less motivated to learn about it. "For them, the Holocaust is 'history,' an item of strictly impersonal academic interest."

In general, Roman Catholics are more anti-Jewish than Protestants, and French-speaking Catholics are more prejudiced than English-speaking Catholics.

Weimann and Winn claim that anti-Jewish sentiment is a "problem of profound significance" in Quebec. As many as 39% of French Canadian respondents said that Jews have too much power, that Jews caused the Holocaust and that 6 million Jews did not perish in the Holocaust. This, they point out, is twice the rate among English Canadians.

Fifteen percent of all Canadians think that Jews are too powerful. But among French Canadians with a low education, the figure is 40%, they state.

There is a silver lining in this dark cloud: Prejudice is reduced by personal contact with Jews.

Francophones who had at least some contact with a Jew were half as likely to say that Jews have too much power. And of those, 29% blamed the Holocaust on the Jews, compared to 53% who had never met a Jew.

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Opinion

Outstanding example of sacramental art

Restored synagogues highlight Jewish Museum

By
GIDEON REMEZ

VENICE —

Perhaps the event of the year in Jewish Italy was the reopening this summer of the Jewish Museum, complete with three splendidly restored synagogues, in this city's Campo di Ghetto.

Only a handful of the thousands thronging San Marco took the scenic half-hour walk to the ghetto on the morning that we did. Perhaps the site is too new to have made the guidebook this year. But now you can't say you didn't know.

So, from San Marco follow the ubiquitous markers Per Ferrovia (to the train station), keeping to the right bank of the Grand Canal. Near the end of the newly renamed Via Vittorio Emmanuele you can't miss the black-on-yellow signs in Hebrew and Italian. Over one more bridge, under an arched passage and you're in a wide, sun-drenched square surrounded by buildings taller than the usual in Venice. Limited for nearly 300 years to the narrow area of the ghetto, the Jews had nowhere to expand but up.

The term "ghetto" not only originated here but was the result of a typical immigrants' mispronunciation. The quarter to which the Venetian government confined the Jews in 1516 was known as the "geto," after the local foundry. The Italian pronunciation was "jeto," but the German-Jewish residents rendered it with their language's hard "g," leading to the Italian respelling "ghetto." The Jewish Museum is around a corner to the left at the far side of the campo. Come early: the last guided tour leaves at 1 p.m.

From a foyer doubling as a well-stocked bookstore, you'll be taken upstairs to the Sinagoga Tedesca — the oval, golden-brown sanctuary of the Venetian Ashkenazi community, who migrated to the Adriatic coast from across the Alps in the Middle Ages. The adjoining showrooms feature outstanding examples of Jewish sacramental art in silver, textile and printing.

German and Oriental Jews had established themselves on the mainland much earlier, a foothold on the lagoon islands was gained only after the expulsion from Spain in 1492 which brought in an influx of rich and influential Sephardim. Even so, the Jews were not recognized as Venetian citizens but remained tolerated foreigners, who had to renew their residence visa every five years — sometimes at considerable cost. Confinement to the ghetto was stricly enforced, by armed guards at night, until it was abolished by Napoleon in 1797.

Nonetheless, the Jews enjoyed relative peace and protection in Venice, and identified strongly with the "Serene Republic." When, in the 17th century, it seemed that the Jews might be expelled, Rabbi Simone Luzzatto convinced the senate that Venice's successful recipe for prosperity included a vital role for the Jews. They were allowed to remain.

The Luzzatto family produced a line of famous philosophers, poets — and, fittingly, one of the activists behind the present-day revival of the ghetto. Venetian-born Danielle Luzzatto Gardner, whose husband was U.S. ambassador to Italy during the Carter administration, has been involved in the project for some 50 years. "When the film The Garden of the Finzi-Contini appeared in 1972, my mother urged me to bring it to America so the people there could understand what the Jewish experience in Italy was like. So I was responsible for getting my husband's roommate at Harvard to distribute the film in the U.S., and I took it on a promotional tour with two fund raising premieres in every major American city — one for the Italians and one for the Jews. The proceeds were earmarked for the restoration of the Venetian synagogues."

The charity was institutionalized as Save Venice Inc.; now interdenominational, its current projects include four Venetian churches.

The first project was the Schola Levantine (Oriental synagogue), which is the next stop on the ghetto tour. Founded by Jews from Greece, Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean about 1540, this synagogue competed with the neighboring, Sephardic Schola Spagnola in commissioning the best-known architects and artists. As Jews were barred from the arts, their work was executed by the same Christian masters who beautified Venice's churches and palazzi. Thus the holy art was designed by the school of Baldassari Longhena, creator of the imposing white, octagonal La Salute church at the mouth of the Grand Canal.

The magnificent beige-and-brown baroque wood carvings of the synagogue differ, though, from typical church decor in the lack of any human figures. Restoration was completed in 1979, but work is still needed: although, as the only synagogue with central heating, the Levantina is now used in winter, last year there was some water seeping near the ark that damaged some of the priceless carvings.

In the Schola Levantina ladies still sit in the upstairs balcony, though the mehitza is never closed any more. When the Friday night and Saturday morning services (there's no quorum available for regular prayers) are moved across the street to the unheated Schola Grande Spagnola for the summer, the women are spared the effort: the balcony was damaged by an earthquake nine years ago. By the time restoration was complete, the ladies were accustomed to sitting in the main hall and wouldn't climb the tall flight of stairs. So they still use one side of the main sanctuary, behind a token mehitza.

The elliptical balcony extending all around both synagogues was an innovation of Longhena, who was commissioned by the Sephardim, too, after their original schola burned down toward the end of the 16th century. "Obviously," our guide smiled, "he had good relations with the Jews." Longhena took the idea from the theatres he built in Venice; ironically, none of these survive and the schole provide the only examples of the device. Natural disasters seem to have haunted the splendid red-and-brown sanctuary: this year it needed more restoration, sponsored by the Venice municipality, after parts of the ceiling collapsed during the winter.

According to one tradition, the famed Venice press — one of the first in Hebrew, which produced the still-definitive editions of the Talmud and great biblical commentaries — operated in the ground floor of the Schola Spagnola. "Venezia Press" posters and facsimiles are among the more attractive souvenirs available from the shops adjoining the museum. Otherwise, it must be said, they are the single blemish on the lovely campo, offering the most revolting tourist junk. Even worse than the usual Murano-glass kitsch are the figurines of the stereotype East European Jews — the likes of whom probably never inhabited the ghetto anyway. One particularly offensive — but prominently displayed — item is a large chess set ranging such Jews, as "black," against Catholics in white with a rabbi and a pope as kings.

Though the present ghetto tour ends at the Schola Spagnola, the last two of the ghetto's five great synagogues (the Ashkenazi Schola Canton and the Italian-rite synagogue) are also undergoing restoration and are due to reopen next year. The final phase of the museum complex will also include a typical apartment of a ghetto-era Jewish family.

From the museum, cross the campo to the Casa di Riposo (Jewish Old Age Home). The handsomely appointed institution, founded in 1890, now cares for only 22 residents — another sign of the community's dwindling numbers. It was at this house that Jews were concentrated for deportation during the Holocaust, and the adjacent wall of the Campo di Ghetto features an impressive memorial, with modern bronze bas-relief by Arbit Blatas under a single, symbolic strand of barbed wire. Most of the community, however, managed to hide or escape, and only some 200 of its 1,200 members perished; it now numbers 650 — as against a peak of 5,000 in 1630.

Jewish Venice doesn't end at the ghetto. The Jewish cemetery, at San Niccolo on the northern tip of Lido Island, just marked its 600th anniversary. The beautiful, wooded site overlooking the lagoon — a favorite haunt of such romantic poets as Goethe, Shelley and Byron — is open daily from 9-12 and 4-7, by request from the caretaker at the adjoining "new" (mid-19th century) burial ground, which is still used by the Venetian community.

Bidding farewell to our guide, we couldn't resist what should have been the most hackneyed comment: Do you get a lot of questions here about the Merchant of Venice? "Actually," she said, "Shakespeare took the plot from an Italian novel dating from the 14th century, when the ghetto was not yet in existence. But in fact, I don't get that many questions about Shylock. Who reads Shakespeare nowadays?"

Israel will again seek admission into the International Red Cross

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

When the International Committee of the Red Cross holds its 25th quadrennial conference in Geneva Oct. 23, Israel will once again seek to have its Magen David Adom admitted into the International Red Cross.

Since the establishment of the Jewish state the ICRC has refused to accept the Red Star of David as an international symbol along with the Red Cross, the Red Crescent and Iran's Lion and Sun.

The ICRC has been "held in blackmail" out of fear that if it accepted the Jewish symbol, the Arab countries would leave the organization it was charged recently by Rabbi Rubin Dobin, of Miami Beach, international chairman of Operation Recognition. The voluntary organization has sought for the last nine years to have Magen David Adom recognized by the ICRC. Dobin spoke at an informal hearing in a Senate hearing room, sponsored by Sens. Paula Hawkins and Christopher Dodd, who along with Dobin, are national co-chairmen of Operation Recognition. Dobin said there are similar committees in other countries.

The Senate unanimously adopted a resolution, introduced by Hawkins and Dodd, as it did in 1982, calling on the ICRC to recognize the Israeli group.

"This has gone on so long," Hawkins said. Both Hawkins and Dodd noted the excellent work Magen David Adom does in Israel and in international rescue work.

Sen. Arlen Specter said it is "just a tragedy" that Israel has been excluded. He noted that Israel needs the international guarantee that the Magen David Adom symbol will be a sign of protection in case of a conflict. A similar point was made by Steve Shaw, executive dirctor of the Jewish War Veterans.

A blind youth receives instructions in first-aid through Magen David Adom, Israel's emergency ambulance and blood services.

"It can only be called anti-semitism"

"It is a terrible shame that what can only be called anti-semitism in some parts of the world has deprived the Jewish people of the right to use their religious symbol, the Star of David, in the same way as others use their own religious symbols," Rep. Benjamin Gilman said.

Dobin stressed that the American Red Cross has since 1949 led the effort to have Magen David Adom recognized.

Sherman Cohen, a professor of international law at the Georgetown University Law Center and president of the American section of the International Society of Jewish Lawyers and Jurors, said the issue was not legal, as ICRC officials claim, but political.

Cohen said that the ICRC in 1907 adopted a convention with a single symbol, the Red Cross. But when Turkey joined and later Iran and Egypt, they agreed to the convention with the reservation that they would not use the cross since it is a Christian symbol.

There was no objection, Cohen noted. Later the ICRC approved the Red Crescent and Iran's Lion and Sun as official symbols. After the shah was overthrown, Iran adopted the Red Crescent.

But Cohen said when Israel applied for membership in 1949 it made the exact reservation as had the Moslem countries. However, the ICRC "refused to do exactly what they did do in exactly the same circumstances for Turkey, Egypt and Iran," he said.

Cohen stressed that the ICRC set a "precedent" for the three Moslem countries which should now be followed for Israel.

Opinion

The quintessential Zionist

Ben-Gurion a towering figure in Jewish history

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

One hundred years ago this month, Sheindel Gruen, the wife of Avigdor, gave birth to a son, David, in the Polish town of Plonsk.

The boy became a man and the man became the first Jew in 2,000 years to head a Jewish state.

David-Ben-Gurion, the name by which he would be known, was one of the towering figures in Jewish history.

Twice Prime Minister of Israel, Ben-Gurion lived a long, fruitful life, dying as the dust of the 1973 Yom Kippur War settled. The quintessential Zionist, he immigrated to Palestine in 1906, laboring in the orange groves of Petah Tikvah and in the wine cellars of Rishon Le Zion, before becoming politically involved in the supreme battle to secure a Jewish homeland in what is now Israel.

In this respect, it was not by chance that he changed his name. Ben-Gurion, which means son of a lion cub, was one of the leaders of the Jewish revolt against the Romans in 66 AD. His namesake fought the Arabs and the British in the bloody attempt to create a place in the sun for Jews.

A keen student of Greek and Eastern philosophies, a practitioner of yoga, as well as a master of seven languages, Ben-Gurion carved out a career whose contours followed the course of Zionist politics.

Ben-Gurion, a gruff man whose idealism was tempered by pragmatism, served as secretary-general of the Histadrut labor federation at a time when Jews sought to create a Jewish workers society in Palestine.

He was a founder of Mapai, the political party that mixed Socialism with capitalism and ruled Israel from 1949 until its defeat at the hands of the Likud bloc in 1977.

He was chairman of the Jewish Agency executive for 13 years, preparing the groundwork for the establishment of Israel in 1948.

When the War of Independence broke out, Ben-Gurion, as Prime Minister of the provisional government, headed the defence effort and took charge of raising funds for the beleaguered Jewish state.

For eight years

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In the 1949 general election, Ben-Gurion, having failed to obtain an overall majority, formed a coalition government and thus set the pattern for future governments. He retired in 1953, joining a kibbutz in the Negev Desert. But within two years, Ben-Gurion emerged from the wilderness, first becoming minister of defence under Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and then winning back the premiership.

For the next eight years, Ben-Gurion — a short, bulky man whose snow white hair framed a pudgy face — wielded power as Israel made the gradual transition from childhood to adulthood.

He retired in 1963, designating Levi Eshkol as his successor. The infamous Lavon Affair, which rumbled across the Israeli political landscape like a menacing earthquake, led to his resignation. The controversy, which revolved around a bungled espionage operation in Egypt in the mid-1950s, effectively spelled finis to Ben-Gurion's spectacular career. When he attempted a third comeback, Mapai thwarted his ambition. He formed an independent list for the 1965 election, Rafi, and acolytes like Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres joined him. But Rafi performed poorly at the polls and any hope Ben-Gurion may have had about being a kingmaker vanished.

In 1969, he tried once again to use his past to appeal to the Israeli electorate, but he failed. His State list floundered, and the "old man" resigned from the Knesset just a year later.

When he died, in a year when Israel's self-confidence was badly shaken by a war which claimed more than 2,000 Israeli lives, Ben-Gurion was effectively in political exile, a lonely, embittered figure who had been overtaken by the rush of events. Nevertheless, Ben-Gurion's contributions to Israel's rebirth and consolidation were never forgotten, not even by his most formidable enemies.

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•Ben-Gurion, despite enormous pressure from the U.S. and the doubts of many of his colleagues, proclaimed the Sate of Israel. A lesser leader might have hesitated and postponed a decision, but he charged ahead. In declaring statehood, Ben-Gurion had come a long way.

Before the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire in 1918, he had urged Jews to support the Turks in World War I so as to win from them the promise of autonomy in Palestine. But when the Turkish authorities cracked down on Zionism, he switched sides and championed the British cause. In the 1930s, when Palestinian Arabs were rising up in revolt against Jewish settlement and the British mandate, Ben-Gurion favored a Jewish homeland but felt that statehood should be deferred until the country was sufficiently populated with Jews. By the early 1940s, he had come around to favoring the creation of a Jewish commonwealth. By 1948, he was prepared to declare statehood.

•Ben-Gurion fathered the modern Israeli army and considered it a tool of national unity. As the War of Independence raged, he disbanded all Jewish militias, including the Palmach, the Haganah and the Irgun, and moulded them into the new Israel Defence Forces — the IDF. "...I see in it (IDF) not only the fortress of our security... but also an educational force for national unification, and a loyal instrument for welding together the dispersed ethnic groups," he said.

•Ben-Gurion viewed aliya as one of his chief nation-building tasks. He promulgated the Law of Return, which enabled Jews to claim immediate Israeli citizenship, and he diverted scarce financial resources to ensure that the new arrivals from all corners of the world would be properly integrated.

"Aliya precedes everything else," he was fond of saying. "For in aliya there is security, in aliya there is renaissance..."

•Ben-Gurion, in opposition to the United Nations, declared Jerusalem as Israel's capital. "Jewish Jerusalem is an organic and inseparable part (of Israel), just as it is an inseparable part of Jewish history, Jewish religion and the Jewish soul," he wrote.

•Ben-Gurion, though totally secular, signed an historic agreement with Jewish Orthodox parties granting them certain concessions in return for their acceptance of a Jewish state. The so-called "status quo" in religion has frayed at the edges and alienated many Israelis, but it has helped preserve Israel's national unity.

•Ben-Gurion turned Israeli foreign policy westward, away from neutrality, and sowed the seeds of Israel's alliance with the U.S. He laid the foundation for Israel's relationship with West Germany, and he cultivated African and Asian nations.

•Ben-Gurion opened up the Negev, the sandy, desolate wasteland which comprises two-thirds of Israel's land area. But for all his efforts, the Negev still remains sparsely populated and, in comparison to the West Bank, a financial stepchild.

Despite all his successes, Ben-Gurion failed at peacemaking. He wanted to come to terms with Israel's Arab neighbors, but could not do so. In general, he adopted a hard-line approach to the Arabs, permitting the IDF to retaliate for each blow delivered by the enemy.

According to some historians, Ben-Gurion relied too heavily on retaliatory raids. They claim that if he been less provocative, that if he had not ordered the assault on Egyptian positions in the Gaza Strip in February of 1955, Israel may have had a chance to enter into meaningful talks with Egypt, the leader of the Arab world.

In retrospect, Ben-Gurion's fateful decision to collude with France and Britain in the 1956 Arab-Israeli war was probably a strategic error, for it branded Israel with the stamp as a collaborator of colonial European powers.

After his retirement, and particularly in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War, Ben-Gurion's attitude mellowed. A hawk during much of his tenure as Prime Minister, he turned into something of a dove in his declining years. "...we must return to the pre-1967 borders," he told an interviewer several years before his death. "Peace is more important than real estate."

David Ben-Gurion usually knew what was good for Israel.

David Ben-Gurion — Israeli nation-builder.

Reader believes "holocaust" being too widely used

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

There is no assurance that readers' views as expressed in the letterbox of daily papers do indeed represent the voice of the people, firstly because only the articulate members of the population express themselves through this medium, and secondly because most papers are highly selective of the letters they publish. Still, such missives do illustrate an interesting aspect of public opinion. We select and digest the following from recent issues of daily papers in Israel.

Advice for Reform Jews: Reform Jews in America have taken up the cudgels for religious pluralism in Israel, and seek to abolish the monopoly on religious affairs now held by the Orthodox. My advice to all these good people is to come settle in Israel and carry on your battle from here. When there are a million Reform Jews here, they will have no problem in their confrontation with the rabbinate. So long as they live in the U.S., however, let them enjoy the religious pluralism of that country, and be satisfied with that.

— Miriam Bar-Yosef, in Maariv

Only one Holocaust: Too common use is being made of the word "holocaust," as people speak of an economic holocaust, in reference to the collapse of Israel's bank shares, a political holocaust, etc. In this way we are minimizing the significance of the word, which should be applied only to what happened to the Jews under Hitler, and to nothing else. No possible comparison can be made between other tragedies and catastrophes, and the fate of the Jews, which was an historic phenomenon which we hope may never be repeated.

— Yael Slavin, in Bamahane

To break the habit: I call upon all my salaried colleagues to destroy their credit cards, yes, this moment, take a pair of scissors and cut them up. The increasing use of credit cards here is artificially inflating our purchasing power, and giving their users the feeling that their earnings have increased. It is an illusion, and when the time comes to pay the bills they won't have the wherewithal. The use of credit cards is as tempting as the first dose of a habit-forming drug, and then it becomes impossible to break the habit. Unless we do something about it, we shall again find ourselves in a dizzying spell of inflation.

— Zvi Ben-Mordecai, in Yediot Aharonot

How to treat violent Arab agitators: Perhaps we are making a mistake in the way we react to Arabs who throw stones or Molotov cocktails, burn tires, and attack police and soldiers. We ought to ascertain how such actions are handled by the police of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and other Arab lands. There should be no problem finding out how the police of those countries put down violent demonstrations. And if we are not able to provide the Arabs of Judea, Samaria and Gaza with their own rule, for our own good reasons, then we can at least provide them with a measure of Arab justice and proper law enforcement (when required) according to the custom of their own people.

— Peretz Tura, in Maariv

Back to which roots: There are those who call upon us to return to our Jewish roots. If they mean refusing to serve in the Israel army, the burning of bus shelters and the Israeli flag, refusing to recognize the state, infusing the youth with hatred for other nations as well as for other Jews, then I for one, who loves Jewish traditions, refuse to recognize this as a return to our roots. Those so-called Torah Jews who tear out of the siddur all prayers for the welfare of the State of Israel are preaching a false messianism. Those who see danger in this trend are called upon to raise their voices in protest, and not to cite a false authority whose roots are diseased.

— Eliezer Palnizki, in Davar

Leave it to God: As a member of a traditional family, I cannot understand why the religious zealots picket outside the movies on Friday night, disturbing their own Sabbath, and compelling the police to violate the Sabbath as well. Why not leave the job of enforcement of Jewish laws to the Holy One, blessed be He, who demonstrated his ability to take care of the violators as far back as the days of Noah and the Ark?

— Miriam Greenberg, in Maariv

Opinion

Everything on voluntary basis

Have you renewed your Jewish identity card?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Well, dear friends, the High Holy Days are behind us and it is time to translate our vows into deeds; to speak out without fear or favor even if in the process of doing so people may be displeased, irritated or hostile. So, with apologies to no one and with malice towards none I ask you, and you and all who read these lines:

J. B. Salsberg

Have you renewed your Jewish identity card for the new year?

In case any of you should be puzzled by my question I will interpret it in simpler form:

Have you renewed your pledge to the current campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) in Toronto; or the Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) in Montreal; or their equivalent in other Jewish communities of this country?

Did I make myself clear? "You did," says my good uncle Eliezer, and he adds, "how can one be clearer?" So, now that I have made myself clear I'm ready to defend my position against all those who will question the validity of my proposition.

First — I cannot over-emphasize the fact that the ovewhelming majority of Jews around the world recognize and accept their collective responsibilities for Jewish needs at home, for hard-pressed Jewish communities around the world and for the struggling Jewish state, Israel.

Second — Individual Jews and like-kinded Jewish groups may have special concerns and loyalties to given ideologies and institutions and may reason that their own financial contributions should be directed exclusively to such special areas, rather than to United Jewish Appeal or to the United Israel Appeal.

To them I want to say: special interests are normal and even laudable but not at the expense of the central funds that provide the wherewithal for **all** Jewish needs **everywhere** in the world as well as at home.

Imagine Canadians wishing to direct their tax payments only to specific areas of government services but not to others; it would lead to a total breakdown of our government programs. A government's obligations — municipal, provincial or federal — must extend to all areas of public needs. Taxes are, therefore, obligatory for **all** citizens regardless of their particular preferences.

Ah, some will say, but UJA is not a government tax agency but a voluntary fund raising instrumentality and we can, therefore, direct our givings in whatever direction we may desire. That type of reasoning is possible but it is **entirely unsupportable. It misses the central meaning of UJA.**

Let's get it straight: The specific needs of the Jewish people, except for those who live in Israel, are not served by governmental authority but on the basis of **voluntarism.**

Neither Canadian Jewish Congress nor UJA can force any Jew to contribute to our central or special fund raising efforts. We have no enforcement powers. Everything is on a voluntary basis.

One could opt out entirely and yet go scot free. Another could decide to help only in the area of our local needs — educational, social, welfare, etc. — but not the State of Israel or needy Jews in other lands.

But UJA or CJA raise funds — voluntary tax payments — to meet, as far as possible, **all** the local, national, Israel and other international needs of the worldwide Jewish community. UJA seeks to perform the equivalent of governmental financial duties on a voluntary tax basis.

Under state conditions one is taxed and must pay — or . . . In the Jewish world one demonstrates his Jewish citizenship by paying his voluntary financial dues to help meet Jewish society's needs at home and abroad.

This reasoning may anger some self-delineated Jews. However, I still maintain that one's voluntary offering to UJA, on the basis of each according to his abilities, is the hallmark of one's voluntarily-chosen identification with all of Jewish society, rather than with any single segment of it or of not belonging at all.

If I had my way I would want UJA, CJA etc. to issue Jewish identity cards to all who contribute to the annual financial campaigns and to deny such identification to those who fail to assume voluntarily their financial obligations (their tax), in accordance with the principle of each according to his (or her) ability.

Governments issue passports, but we are not a government. We can though and, in my view, should issue Jewish identification cards to all who participate voluntarily in the fulfilment of our central national obligations.

Angry, someone? Sorry, but think rationally and you will, I'm sure, agree with my position.

So, go and get your Jewish identification card for 1987! Answer the call of UJA, CJA, etc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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CANCER VICTIM'S LIFE POEM

Please print this poem written by my friend, Bessie Shuter. She wrote it at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, where she is a patient suffering from cancer.

Her poem is titled *Look Around You.* If you publish her ode to life, it would be like fulfiling her greatest wish.

If only we would take the time
To look around and see
The birds flying by, the blue, blue sky,
The beauty of the tree,
A laughing child, a happy Mom,
Two lovers holding hands.
And after the rain and showers,
Take a minute, smell the flowers.
Stop and look at all God's wonders —
And it's all free.

Rose Schachner
Montreal

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YANKEE, DON'T SWALLOW US!

I want Americans to continue being neighbors to me.

I think that they will stop being neighbors to me if Canada enters into a bilateral free trade agreement with the United States.

I believe that, if we do, Canada will eventually become the 51st American state, just as Hawaii became the 50th American state in 1959. I don't want to become an American.

I joined the Council of Canadians to help keep Americans as neighbors. The Council has a strong emphasis against union with the United States, and is dedicated to new policies to develop Canada as an independent nation.

I love Americans, but on this issue "I'm a fighter not a lover."

Don Keating
Toronto

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JUDGE JOE WAS A GENT

My good friend Judge Joe Addison died Sept. 5.

He was Toronto's first Jewish magistrate. When I moved my business and home to north Toronto in 1979, I met Joe every morning in Eglinton Park (near Avenue Rd.).

While our dogs romped together, the worthy judge and I dissected the news of the day.

You could set your watch by his appearance at the park accompanied by his faithful beautiful gray dog, Max, shortly after 8 a.m.

Everyone who passed through the park received a cheery "good morning" as His Honor knew everyone by name . . . from Supreme Court judges and the highest politicians to "bag people."

I never failed to see Joe without his dog. Even when I was growing up on Beatrice St. during the Depression I remember Joe and his dog. (He lived on our street for a time.)

I would like to erect a memento to Joe and his dog in Eglinton Park . . . either a special tree with a plaque, a bench, a gazebo, yea . . . even a statuette, commemorating our great loss. I invite his huge array of friends to contact me so we can get this project going.

Should any of your readers care to contribute to a memorial fund in the late judge's name, please have them make their checks payable to Judge Addision Memorial Fund in Trust, Account No. 500947 at Canada Trust, Yonge and Snowdon, Toronto, and forward the check in care of me at 3375 Yonge St., Toronto M4N 2M6.

Al Weinberg
Toronto

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Hannah Norsa was the first Jewish star of the British stage. Engraving from Cecil Roth Collection.

1ST JEWISH STAGE STAR

For an essay I'm writing, do you have any information about Hannah Norsa, who is supposed to have been the first Jewish star on the British stage? Is that claim true? And do you have a picture of her?

Sarah Rivkin
Toronto

Editor's note: Glad to help. The *Encyclopedia Judaica* names her "the first Jewess to win a name on the English stage." She was the daughter of an Italian Jew from Mantua who kept a tavern in Drury Lane. And she played the part of Polly Peachum in *The Beggar's Opera* in 1732 with great success.

Interestingly, the first male Jewish star on the London stage was Myer Lyon, a singer who adopted the stage name of Leoni when he made his debut at Drury Lane on Dec. 13, 1760 in a play called *The Enchanter.* When he played the lead in Richard Sheridan's *The Duenna*, it could not be performed on Friday night as Lyon sang in the Bevis Marks Synagogue. When it opened in 1775 at Covent Gardens, at Lyons' insistence the name of the principal male singing part was changed from Cousin Moses to Don Carlos.

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KAHN A CHUTZPAHNIK?

Re Elaine Kahn's Sept. 25 column headed, "OK everybody, I'm sorry":

I became increasingly disappointed with your paper when The CJN published this tasteless article, which scolds God for making Yom Kippur come to close to the U.S. Thanksgiving this year.

The High Holidays allow every Jew to reflect on their past year's deeds and to amend whatever sins have been committed.

The writer made a total mockery of this issue, as well as making immature, chutzpahdik, outrageous remarks about The One Above.

How dare The CJN allow this article be published! This is journalism?

I don't know what Kahn is trying to prove. Perhaps she just wants attention — then again, so does a baby.

Joseph Hiller
Toronto

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ETHEL MERMAN NOT JEWISH

Your music reviewer Rick Kardonne in a recent column converted the late Broadway singing star Ethel Merman into a "nice Jewish girl."

Not true!

According to the Bob Thomas biography *The Merman Story* she was baptized an Episcopalian at the Church of the Redeemer in Astoria, NY, and remained an Episcopalian all her life.

Her father was a German Lutheran named Zimmerman and all she did was to drop "Zim" from her name.

I write this to clear the air.

M. Gold
St. Catharines, Ont.

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A SALUTE TO SEPHARDICS

The president and the administrative council of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec were shocked by certain omissions in the Sept. 25 edition of The CJN.

In the photo coverage of the private reception that we organized for Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, not one photo appeared of president Lucien Benarroch; nor were there pictures of any other Sephardic community personalities.

In addition, the caption mentions neither the name of our organization, which invited Peres, and which also invited your paper to cover the event.

Our president has also asked me to state that we were all the more shocked since the Sephardic population represents some 30% of Montreal's Jewish population.

Isaac Bensoussan
Montreal

Editor's note: Of the six photos we ran in the Sept. 25 issue covering the Peres visit in Canada, only one was with a leader of the Jewish community — Dorothy Reitman. We picked her because she represents the Jewish community nationally. The other photos of Peres were with Canadian political leaders and with the Israeli ambassador. As much as we'd like to, we just can't possibly run all the pictures available to us. We apologize to the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec and we thank them for inviting our reporter to their reception.

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"KIRSHNER NEEDS NEW SPECS"

I have been watching the journalistic career of Sheldon Kirshner for a number of years and I had hoped that he would turn out into a first-class reporter. But, alas, it seems that Sheldon either suffers from bad eyesight or is inventing fairy tales.

Way back in October, 1981, Sheldon wrote a tale of a visit to Dachau that was larded with fantasy about Munich. I wrote you about this and my letter was printed on Oct. 29.

Once more last month Sheldon wrote about visting a concentration camp in Austria in which he launched into a comparison about gas chambers and crematoria between Dachau and Muthausen, stating that Dachau did not have such murder equipment while Muthausen did.

Again I question Sheldon's flight of fancy about this statement. I inform him that he needs glasses or that he never even got off the train when visiting Dachau, which is about 15 minutes from Munich by train.

Dachau HAS several crematoria and a very efficient-looking gas chamber. I have visited this place of horror four times and even spent Yom Kippur day there in 1980.

I can't think of a better place to commune with God than in such a place where man's bestiality to man can assume such awesome depths.

Now, whether these instruments were actually used, I cannot say. But to state that they don't exist is a blatant lie and I hope that in the future Sheldon will take more heed in his writings.

I have on file pictures in color that I took of these instruments in Dachau should you like to take a look at them.

J. Frackt
Montreal

Sheldon Kirshner replies: "Dachau's gas chambers were never used. I did get off the train and described what I saw. Whatever "fantasies" is Mr. Frackt talking about?"

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LIKES OUR SHUL REPORTS

On behalf of Ontario Region, United Synagogue of America I would like to thank The Canadian Jewish News for its recent coverage of the development of Shaareh Haim Synagogue in Richmond Hill.

I would like to remind you and your readers that the only two Conservative synagogues north of Steeles Ave. officially affiliated with the Conservative movement are Shaar Shalom Synagogue and Shaareh Haim Synagogue.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Mark Freedman
Toronto

World-National

Shamir opposed to international conference

Peace forum could end Labor-Likud ceasefire

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tion may suddenly end — especially if Peres is able to continue building for the hesitant Hashemite monarch a supporting bastion of moderate Arab opinion.

In this context, Peres' recent visits to Morocco and to Egypt, and the warm public endorsements he elicited from both King Hassan and President Hosni Mubarak, may be encouraging harbingers of an Arab consensus.

Peres, moreover, has made it abundantly clear that he will not permit himself to be stymied by Premier Shamir in his pursuit of these diplomatic overtures, which he launched late in his own terms as Premier.

• Similarly, if the idea of an international forum or conference takes on more concrete and practical form — at the moment it is still the subject of controversy or suspicion in many world chanceries — this could quickly end the Labor-Likud policy-ceasefire which is at the basis of this unity government.

For after all, the government has maintained its existence until now because the two major partners have not been required to address the essentials of the Palestinian issue — the issue on which they are irretrievably divided.

Preparations for an international conference would inevitably bring those differences to the fore, in the form of the question of Palestinian representation.

Peres, at his summit meeting with Mubarak in Alexandria declared that the Palestinians were a people like any other people. He has said repeatedly that he would accept "authentic Palestinian representatives" as negotiating partners.

This is not a position which the Likud could support if it were removed from the realm of rhetoric and placed squarely in the centre of an international diplomatic confabulation.

Shamir has been at pains to pour cold water on the notion of an international conference — and seems to have won over at least some in the Reagan administration to this viewpoint.

• On the domestic front, relations between Labor and Likud could quickly deteriorate to breaking point if Labor begins to feel that the Likud, holding both the premiership and the key ministry of finance, is loosening the reins of austerity and handing out pre-election largesse, as it did in 1983-4.

Peres has made it clear — he did so with diplomatic understatement in his Knesset speech — that he and his party take most of the credit for restoring the country to economic stability after inheriting the roller-coaster hyperinflation of the Likud years.

In the pre-rotation wrangling, Labor sought — with scant success, it seems — some modicum of power in the economic sphere. The Likud has been understandably reluctant to cede any. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim (Likud-Liberal) has pledged full co-operation and argued that this need be formalized.

Still, Labor finds it hard to face the future denied any real say in economic policy-making. This frustration may grow ominously as the Shamir premiership wears on and the next elections loom closer.

• In the administered territories, the right flank of the Likud and the parties to the farther right are openly anticipating a new wave of Jewish settlements. And the Labor defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, is stating plainly that there is no money for it — nor does the carefully crafted unity government policy-platform require it.

Shamir, always canny and patient, has let his ideologues have their say. But he has made it clear that he is aware of the constrictions and limitations imposed on him both by economic exigencies and by the nature of unity government politics.

As long as Shamir can hold off the incessant challenge (to himself) from Ariel Sharon, his pragmatism should ensue that, on this issue at least, the unity government can continue to hold together.

Historians to analyze records on collaborators

PARIS (JTA) —

Ten tons of top secret archives describing in detail the activities of French collaborators with the Nazis during the German occupation of France will be analyzed by French historians and the office of the state attorney.

The archives, which consist of several million documents, are believed to be the largest such collection not yet classified by any authority.

The former head of the French secret service, Alexandre de Marenches, revealed in a recently published autobiography that upon his appointment as head of intelligence in 1970, he discovered to his amazement that 10 tons of documents were stored without ever having been examined.

Marenches said he did not have the means or the staff to undertake a thorough analysis but ordered that a few documents picked at random be examined to ascertain their authenticity.

He said the random selection showed the documents were not only authentic but threw a new and tragic light on the Nazi occupation. According to Marenches they showed that many people, honored as war and resistance heroes, had actually collaborated with the Nazis and even were paid for their services.

Marenches, who resigned in 1981, said the collaborators included "famous names" among the so-called war heroes.

The release or publication of the evidence could affect the reputations of countless people including, according to Marenches, prominent national figures.

The president of the national assembly, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, himself a former resistance fighter, called for an immediate thorough examination of these records.

Chaban-Delmas said that leaving them in secret storage as they now are would bring discredit to all former resistance fighters.

Defence Minister Andre Giraud said that the archives will be handed over to the historical department of his ministry to be examined by its researchers and by the staff of the state attorney.

Giraud said the National Resistance Commission, a consultative body accredited to the defence ministry, will also be authorized to examine the documents.

In case of any legal proceedings both sides, the state and the defence, will be given free access to the pertinent papers. Giraud did not say whether the documents will be made available to independent and foreign researchers.

Hospitality tradition stressed during Succoth

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doors on all four sides so that the poor might find easy access from all directions.

The rabbinic literature is full of tales describing the appropriate etiquette for both the host and the guest to take. For example, it is considered the duty of the host to be cheerful during meals and make his guests feel at home and comfortable at the table. They even expected the host to serve at the table and he is warned not to watch the guests too attentively because then the visitor might not eat as much as he would have liked to.

At the same time, the guest is instructed to show his gratitude to the host by including a blessing for his benefactor in the grace after the meal. The guest was also expected to leave some of the food on his dish to show that he had more than enough unless he was encouraged to finish it by his gracious host.

The tradition of hospitality was very much present among Jewish communities in the Middle Ages. Especially after the Crusades when so many Jews were murdered and left homeless, hospitality became a necessity and wandering students or poor Jews in general had to be provided with meals and lodging. This system survived in many Jewish communities particularly for the Sabbath day meal.

Ultimately this developed into a whole network of self-help Jewish welfare organizations that were present even in the smallest communities, the Hachnasat Orchim (guest welfare) institutions where Jewish travelers could obtain lodging and food. A system of meal tickets for tavelers evolved as early as the 15th Century and student hostels were established.

Amongst the Jews of Poland it was the custom to billet yeshiva students with different families for their daily meals. This custom known as "essen tayg" (eating days) later spread throughout central Europe.

In modern times community institutions have taken over some of these personal hospitality practices. This extension resulted also in the establishment of many hospitals under Jewish auspices particularly in North America.

All these developments grew out of the age old tradition of Jewish hospitality which during the harvest festival is symbolically represented by welcoming the honored patriarchal ushpizin into the succah.

Ashkelon is furious over new Gaza murder

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Ashkelon held its second funeral in less than two weeks recently for a local resident stabbed to death in Gaza and the town seethed with fury. Strong police reenforcements prevented anti-Arab violence. Police warned Arab workers from the nearby Gaza Strip to stay away from Ashkelon for the time being, for their own safety.

Yisrael Kitaro, a 43-year-old taxi driver from Ashkelon was fatally stabbed in a garage near Gaza's Medina Square while waiting for repairs on his vehicle. His assailant escaped. The garage is not far from the Gaza fruit market where, on Sept. 27, Haim Azran, 35, of Ashkelon, also met death at the hands a knife-wielding attacker.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin who visited Gaza shortly after the latest slaying, labelled the attack on Kitaro terrorism. He said new measures would be taken to fight it but acknowledged that it is difficult to prevent surprise knife attacks. He suggested that Israelis refrain from visiting Gaza.

Nine Israelis have been attacked with knives in the streets of Gaza over the past 18 months. Most were in town for shopping or to have their cars serviced at prices much lower than in Israel. But except for the ever-present soldiers, Israelis are notable by their absence in Gaza.

Terror at airports "international crime"

MONTREAL —

The International Civil Aviation Organization has unanimously passed a Canadian resolution labelling terrorist attacks on airports an international crime.

If transformed into international law, the resolution would require countries to arrest and prosecute terrorists suspected of attacking airports anywhere in the world, regardless of where they are finally arrested.

The resolution, cosponsored by more than 30 countries, was adopted last week at a plenary session of the 26th assembly of the 156-member United Nations body, which oversees international civil air travel.

The resolution is intended to fill a gap in the Hague and Montreal conventions on airline security. The 1970 Hague convention deals with airline hijackings and the 1971 Montreal convention with terrorist acts against airliners on the ground.

Canada's resolution, introduced when the assembly began two weeks ago, would extend the legal penalties associated with those conventions to apply to terrorism at airports.

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Organizations and People

Routes...Continuing the Journey

Program to focus on situation of Jewish women

TORONTO —

Routes . . . Continuing the Journey, a program which will examine the past achievements, present realities and future directions and aspirations of Jewish women is to be held by the Jewish Women's Federation of Toronto Jewish Congress on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Judge Rosalie Abella, chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board, will moderate the panel which will include Hadassa Rosenberg, a professor at the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Education; Dorothy Reitman, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, and Dr. Alice Shalvi, chairman of the Israel Women's Network, and a leading international spokesperson on Jewish women's issues.

Helene Green, chairman of the federation's Status of Jewish Women Committee, says that "the program aims to motivate and activate the members of Jewish Women's federation towards concrete achievements."

Rosenberg will begin the program with an historical perspective, highlighting some of the dynamic Jewish women who have made their mark on the world and who now serve as role models.

Reitman, elected president of Canadian Jewish Congress here in Toronto last May and the first woman ever to hold the post, will discuss current projects and strategies to increase involvement of women in Jewish community life.

She will discuss the development of fair representation of women at the decision-making level in the volunteer and paid sectors of the Toronto and Canadian Jewish communities.

The keynote speaker will be Shalvi, one of Israel's leading feminists. An Orthodox Jew, mother of 6, and crusader for women's rights, Shalvi embodies the myriad contradictions implicit in the status of Jewish women in the world today.

Registration on Nov. 5 starts at 7:30 and the program begins at 8 p.m. in the fourth floor auditorium of the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St. Admission is $5.

For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 116.

Brave woman commemorated

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A Sefer Torah commemorating a woman's outstanding feat of bravery a century ago was presented recently by her descendants to Aish HaTorah Yeshiva, which was dedicating its new Shabbat centre on Wilson Ave.

The Torah was carried to the centre from Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in a procession that included rabbis, students, and members of the donor's family.

Valerie Rosenthal, a Shaarei Tefillah member, and her family commissioned the Torah in honor of her grandmother. The latter, living in a small Hungarian town about 100 years ago, helped rescue a number of its inhabitants when a fire broke out. Wrapping herself in a wet sheet, she plunged back into the flames to pull the synagogue's Sefer Torah to safety.

That sefer was presented to the family in honor of the woman's bravery. It was eventually detroyed in the Holocaust.

The new Rosenthal Torah was carried up Bathurst St. under a chupah, accompanied by music, dancing, singing and a flotilla of baby carriages.

Participants at the dedication services included: Shaarei Tefillah's Rabbi Moshe Stern; Aish HaTorah education director Shalom Schwartz; several students; Rabbi Manny Diena; and Yaakov Rosenthal, a member of the donor's family.

Several letters were filled in by Russian immigrants in honor of Refuseniks.

Aish HaTorah provides a traditional outreach program to high school and university students. Its new centre, 296A Wilson Ave., offers services at various levels, Torah classes, and a supportive environment for new and potential baalei teshuvah. Phone is (416) 636-7530.

Aish HaTorah student Damiella Kaufman designed and painted the parochet (curtain covering the ark) for the new Torah.

Fathers and sons conduct services

TORONTO —

How were this year's High Holiday services at Pride of Israel Congregation different from other such services over the past nearly 20 years?

They were conducted by two father and son teams.

Rabbi Harold Lerner, spiritual leader, told The CJN that his son Simon, and Cantor Charles Bloch's son, Joel, helped conduct the syngogue's two concurrent services.

"Both boys flew over just to be here with their fathers," said Rabbi Lerner.

Simon is studying languages at the University of Bordeaux, in France. Joel lives in Ranaana, Israel.

A total of about 2,000 people attended services at the synagogue, which is located on Bathurst St. south of Steeles Ave.

The boys' presence added a special note for everyone, said Lerner.

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Thursday, Oct. 16

BIG SISTERS

The Big Sisters Association of Ontario invites the public to an open house on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5.30-8.30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the new headquarters at 2750 Dufferin St. The association's patron **Shelley Peterson** will perform the ribbon-cutting honors at 6.15 p.m.

Program includes the presentation to the president of Big Sisters Association, **Frances Phillips** of a check for the profits from the Braemar fashion show held at Roy Thompson Hall this past summer. There will also be a musical program featuring the Little Sister Singers under the direction of **Carol Anne Muncaster** and performance by guitarist-songwriter **John Euesden**.

Sunday, Oct. 19

SUCCOTH SHALOM

The Toronto Shalom Disarmament group will celebrate Succoth Shalom on Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Peace Garden, Toronto City Hall, from 2-6 p.m. in the succah.

This is part of the Interfaith Peace Festival sponsored by the City of Toronto's International Year of Peace Committee. Participating in the festival will be 13 faith groups.

Monday, Oct. 20

CARING FOR PARENTS

It Wasn't Supposed To Be This Way..., a discussion of how to deal effectively with the feelings that often result when caring for parents who are ill, impaired, frightened and dependent, will be held at the next meeting of the Family Council of Baycrest Day Care Service for Seniors on Monday, Oct. 20. The discussion will be led by **Dr. Michel Silberfeld**, director of Outpatient and Community Psychiatric Services, Baycrest Hospital.

The time is 7.30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Baycrest Hospital, 3560 Bathurst St. For further information, contact Baycrest Day care Service, 789-5131, ext. 2108.

ABOUT BATTERED WOMEN

At the Monday, Oct. 20, meeting of Shoshana Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, **Leslie Wright** of the Yellow Brick House, a shelter for battered women, will discuss her work and information about this sensitive issue.

This meeting is for prospective members, ages 25-35. For more details, contact **Nessa** at 635-6151.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, the second in the series of four monthly meetings. Discussion will focus on childbirth options, getting breastfeeding started, and the family's relationship to the breastfed baby.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

Meeting takes place Monday, Oct. 20, at 8.15 p.m. at 55 Millersgrove Dr., Willowdale (south off Fisherville between Bathurst and Dufferin). For information, call **Elaine** at 663-8003 or **Ruth** at 736-1758.

BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD

Monday, Oct. 20, is the date of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood general meeting honoring Bride's Night. Guest speaker **Jacquie Perrin**, CFTO-TV broadcaster, will be discussing Women of Today: Looking to Tomorrow.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. Charge for guests is $2.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

ADULT WOMEN FRIENDSHIPS

At the Shaar Shalom Sisterhood meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21, **Eleanor Miller** of Jewish Family & Child Service will be talking about Adult Women Friendships.

Meeting takes place at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, at 7.50 p.m. Admission is $1.50 members, $2 guests.

THE MYTH OF SUPERWOMAN

Come and explore the topic of The Myth of Superwoman, a panel discussion focusing on the complex existence of the present-day woman, at the inaugural meeting of a young women's chapter (30s and 40s) sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT.

Panelists include **Arlene Perly Rae, Judith McCormick, Shalom Schachter** and **Marty Goldberg**. Moderator will be **Dorothy Shoichet**.

The program is being held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. at Armour Heights Community Centre, 2140 Avenue Rd. (corner Wilson). For more information and to RSVP, call **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office at 787-0339.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

RABBI FEDER LECTURE

Beth Tikvah Congregation's High Holiday Institute continues with **Rabbi Averaham Feder's** second lecture on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. The topic is A Time for Joy.

COMPUTERIZING THE HEART

Computerizing the Heart is the topic of **Prof. Samuel Sideman's** lecture at the Canadian Technion Society's annual general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The time is 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave.

AKIM FASHION SHOW

Akim ladies' and men's fashion show is set for Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 7.30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Tickets are $18.

Also, the draw for a round trip to Israel, postponed from an earlier date, will take place the same evening.

Thursday, Oct. 23

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND

A membership meeting of the Leukemia Research Fund will be held Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. All prospective members are welcome.

series with community educator **Selma Sage**, begins this month.

Series I, Daughters of Zion, will run on Wednesdays at 1.30 p.m. at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., from Oct. 29-Jan. 14.

Series II, Lawgivers, Prophets, Psalmist and Sage, will be offered on Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., from Oct. 30-Jan. 15.

For registration and information as to discussion themes, text and fees, call Mrs. Sage at 638-2766. Enrolment is limited, so call now!

SHALOM PROGRAM

Do you like to reach out to people? Baycrest Centre is looking for people like you to assist with feeding and friendly visiting to help residents and patients in the Home for the Aged and the hospital celebrate the coming Sabbath.

If you can give your time on Friday afternoons from 1-3, or if you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, call 789-5131, ext. 2575.

HILLEL/JSU, U OF T

The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation/ Jewish Students' Union of the University of Toronto has two special events arranged for this coming week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, there is a succah party at the JSU House, 604 Spadina Ave., beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner will be available for $2 with JSU cards, $3 without. Evening includes music by guitarist **Aryeh Gotfryd**.

On Thursday, Oct. 23, The Joys of Yiddish Through Skits and Songs will be presented by JSU, Jewish Student Federation of York University, Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress and Friends of Yiddish. It all begins at 7.30 p.m. in the music room at Hart House, U of T. Cost is $2 with JSU card, $3 without.

For further information, call JSU at 923-9861.

CREATIVE MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

The Creative Musical Variety Show, that popular group of senior entertainers from the Centre for Creative Living, directed by pianist **Elaine Duff**, assisted by **Anne Sussman**, will be giving the following performances in the next few weeks — Monday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. at Highborne Lodge, 420 The East Mall; Thursday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at The Community Centre, 1700 Finch Ave. E.; Friday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St.; Friday, Nov. 14, at 2.30 p.m. at Chester Village, 717 Broadview Ave., and Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 1.30 p.m. at Fairview Lodge, Whitby, Ont.

If you would like to join in the fun, rehearsals are every Wednesday from 10-11.30 a.m. For information about the group, call 222-0655 or 222-7422.

HOW TO START A SMALL BUSINESS

North York department of economic development is offering a seminar on How to Start a Small Business on Monday, Oct. 27, from 6.30-10 p.m. at the North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., Committee Room 3.

The guest speaker, **Gary Angst**, business consultant, ministry of industry, trade and commerce, will discuss how to prepare a business plan, registration, market research, promotions, financing business structures and sole proprietorship.

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LION OF JUDAH AWARD

The Stepnitzer Young Men's Benevolent Association presented the Lion of Judah Award on behalf of State of Israel Bonds to Gertie Markowitz for her active involvement in the society. From left are Carl Mahler, Lou Wasser, president and Israel Bonds chairman; Gertie Markowitz and her husband Harry Markowitz. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

HAT FASHIONS

Beth Torah Sisterhood Yom Tov program featured Judaica-antiques plus new hat fashions for the new year. The hats were provided by Anne Dodick of Windsor and the presentation of Judaica-antiques was given by Dorion Liebgott of Dorion's Judaica. Sisterhood members modeling the hats are (from left) Rose Herling, her daughter Reggie Levenstadt and Esther Goldenberg. At right is Dorion Liebgott wearing one of the hats and displaying a hand-embroidered tallis from her shop. [Mollie Rothman photo]

And What Else Is New...

DIAL-A-DAF AND SHIUR

Pick up a phone and learn Talmud! Dial-A-Daf (page of Talmud) makes it possible to study a page a day (in English). Each class is 45 minutes long and repeats every hour on the hour. You can listen at home, in your office, or in your car — wherever your phone is within reach.

In addition, Torah Communications Network, producers of Dial-A-Daf and Mishnah-On-The-Phone, announces its newest program, Dial-A-Shiur (lecture).

Every day a 60-minute program including three lectures comes to you over your telephone, given by expert teachers from America and Israel on a variety of Torah subjects.

For information about these two programs, call 783-4374.

OUR BIBLICAL HERITAGE

Our Biblical Heritage, a 2-lecture discussion

FOOD COLLECTION

Holy Blossom Temple's Alex Fizhauf and Ellen Karabanow (centre) discuss plans for delivering food collected by the synagogue to poor Toronto families, with Karen Shaver of the distribution network Second Harvest.

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Enrolment is limited. Registrations are a must by Oct. 22. Call **Kathryn** at 224-6475.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

The 1986 Toronto Jewish Film Festival, running Nov. 1-3, offers unusual international films of Jewish interest.

Tickets are available at the Media Centre at 633-7770 or Toronto Jewish Cultural Council, 4600 Bathurst St., at 635-2883, or at the door of OISE auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W. There are special rates for students and seniors.

Watch for posters at synagogues and public places throughout the community.

CANCER SOCIETY BAZAAR

The Downsview Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is holding a bazaar in the rotunda of the Columbus Centre on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Columbus Centre is located at 901 Lawrence Ave. W.

SCHOOL LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy being surrounded by books, working with children? You can find a wonderful opportunity at one of three Associated Hebrew Schools in North York, working as a volunteer assistant to the school librarian.

If you are available for a morning or afternoon each week and would like to become involved, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

JEWISH WOMEN IN ART

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood has started off its second season of Jewish Women in Art with an exhibit by sculptor **Betty Lowenstein.** Her work is on view until Oct. 16.

Watch for news about future exciting exhibits.

U OF T BOOKROOM

As part of the University of Toronto's U of T Day, Oct. 18, the Bookroom is featuring **Erna Paris** in a talk on her book, Unhealed Wounds — France and the Klaus Barbie Affair at 2 p.m. in the 3rd floor lounge of the Bookroom, 214 College St., at St. George.

Then, at 3 p.m. **Howard Engel** will be reading from his novel, A City Called July, and **Joy Fielding** will read from her book, Deep End.

For information, call 586-7907.

HEALTH SEMINAR

The 9th annual all-day Health Seminar, sponsored by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society, Toronto Chapter, takes place Sunday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Toronto Board of Education, 155 College St., 6th floor auditorium.

Featured speaker **Dr. Alan Goldhamer**, co-director, Centre for Chiropractic and Conservative Therapy, Inc., will lecture on the Role of Diet in Health and Disease, Improving Your Immune System and Overcoming Chronic Diseases.

For registration and information, call 781-0395.

THE NEW YOU

On Monday, Oct. 27, Beth Sholom Sisterhood is presenting **Paul Raymond**, makeup artist to the stars, in a talk and demonstration on makeup and hair styles entitled The New You.

The time is 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. RSVP by calling 783-6103. Tickets are $3 at the door.

KOFFLER HONORED

Anna Koffler (right), who hosted a fund raising luncheon at her home for the benefit of the Neonatal Intensive Care Service at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, was presented with a Medallion Certificate by Susan Cohen, president of the Toronto Women's Division, The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. Mrs. Koffler was also inducted as an honorary member of the organization. More than 200 women attended the function. Proceeds are being used towards the endowment of a computerized monitoring system for the hosptial. [Graphic Artists photo]

BRUNCH FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., extends an invitation to all engaged couples to come to brunch on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11.30 a.m. **Maureen Feder**, who has expertise in the sensitive field of pre-marital and marital counseling, will be present.

For information, call the synagogue office at 633-5500.

PROFESSIONALIZE YOURSELF

Professionalize Yourself is an innovative project exclusive to the Leah Posluns Theatre School. Lawyers, executives, and managers will benefit from this intensive theatre workshop designed to develop confidence, image, style and communications skills.

Call **Sharon** at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271 for an interview appointment.

SELF-HELP HEALTH EDUCATION

A self-help health education project comprising of several information booths representing various health organizations is being held at Sheppard Centre (Yonge and Sheppard) Nov. 15-18, under the sponsorship of International Health Information Service. Among the health groups participating are Red Cross, Heart and Stroke, Cancer, CNIB, Arthritis, Alzheimer's, Kidney societies and many more.

Booths offering literature and information are manned during regular shopping mall hours. So, bring a large shopping bag so that you can collect all the material.

THE CHORALAIRS WANT YOU

The Choralairs of North York want you as a member of this non-sectarian volunteer choir performing for elderly people in institutions, seniors' apartments and community centres. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings at Lawrence Park Collegiate (Avenue Rd. and Lawrence). Repertoire includes Broadway, pop and folk tunes. Costumes for concerts are provided.

For more information, call **Anna Milrod** at 782-8994 or **Faye Cohen** at 633-7233.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

The Association of Parent Support Groups in Ontario is holding a conference on Oct. 18 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel, 544 Dixie Rd., Mississauga.

Morning guest speakers will be directors of Toughlove International, who will discuss the philosophy and application of the toughlove approach to parenting young people in trouble with their families, schools, alcohol and drugs and the law. The afternoon panel discussion will deal with Parents and the Law.

This conference is ideal for professionals in the community as well as parents. The cost is $30 per person including lunch. For reservations, call 279-4405 or the APSGO office at 223-9551.

ONTARIO HUMANE SOCIETY

The auxiliary of the North York branch of the Ontario Humane Society has arranged two fund raisers for this month with proceeds to be used to care for animals at the Animal Shelter in North York.

A fall and winter half-price coat sale takes place at the Thrift Shop, 300 Wilson Ave. (just west of Bathurst), on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An antique/garage/pie sale is set for Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 195 Maplehurst Ave. (1 block north of Sheppard between Bayview and Yonge).

PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

During Public Library Week, Oct. 20-26, find out how much you've been missing. Make a date with yourself to visit your nearest public library. There has never been a better time to find out how easy it is to get around at the library. You'll be glad you did!

STUDENTS PAINT THEMSELVES

North York students have been using crayons, paint, markers, colored inks and pencils to immortalize their part in the United Way's 1986 campaign drive.

Thousands of self-portraits of North York public school students are on display until Oct. 23 in the halls of the Education Administration Centre, 5050 Yonge St. and at North York City hall, 5100 Yonge St.

The creative self-characterizations follow a Put Yourself in the Picture, The United Way theme adopted by Metro's public school boards.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MEETING

The Theological Response to the Holocaust is the title of an open meeting to be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

It will feature a movie, Courage to Care, followed by a discussion with the **Rev. Daniel Donovan** of St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, and **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** of Shaareh Haim Congregation.

The annual Holocaust Memorial meeting is sponsored by the Suburban Study Branch of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

for seniors

DEADLINE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the deadline for the What's New and About People columns is 5 p.m. Monday, the week prior to issue date. When Monday is a holiday, deadline is moved back to the previous Friday.

Temple Sinai Seniors presents the artistic and versatile lady of songs, **Eileen Brass** on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. at the temple, 210 Wilson Ave. Charge is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. There will be lunch and a talk on cancer by **Dr. Peter Ottensmeyer** of Princess Margaret Hospital. A generous donation will be presented to the doctor by club president **Shirley Grotell**. The club is trying to get Channel 47 to come and tape the program.

The Wednesday, Oct. 22, meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** features readings from Jewish literature with **Brina Rose**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club invites you to come to the opening meeting and enjoy a Succoth luncheon at noon on Monday, Oct. 20. By special request, pianist **Judy Kennedi Peleg** will perform in concert.....Folkdancing programs start again on Monday morning, Oct. 20, at 10.30. Other programs — oil painting, crafts and dancersize — will follow immediately after the High Holidays.....The Florida trip has been finalized and reservations will be accepted from December to March inclusive. Enquiries are welcome. Call **Lena Sugar** for information at 785-5773.....A trip to California is being planned for early May.

The Labor Zionist Alliance Senior Citizens Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. Light lunches are available.....The Cultural Circle meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. At the Oct. 16 session **Israel Kempfer** will speak on The Effect of Israeli Emigration on Jewish Life. On Oct. 23 **Max Mandelman** will discuss The 70th Anniversary of Sholom Aleichem.....The winter Florida trips are oversubscribed and reservations are no longer being accepted.

At the **Wagman Centre** the Tuesday, Oct. 21, evening program features pianist-flutist **Elizabeth Acker**. That's at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room..... At the Fitness Award night on Thursday, Oct. 23, **Brian Benn**, fitness leadershp consultant with the ministry of tourism and recreation, will present awards to patients, residents and members who participated in fitness programs during the past year. The time is 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is having a variety show including international singer **Bluma** and haymishe humorist **Bert Levy** on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. Members and friends are invited and there is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.....There will be no Saturday evening dances until Nov. 15.....The ballroom and line dancing with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin** is in full swing on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. There is no charge.

The Jewish Community Centre is offering a Computers for Seniors course. Beginners Hands On course starts Monday, Oct. 20, from 3.45-5.30 p.m. There is no fee for seniors. Classes are held at the Centre for Creative Living. Call 636-1880 to register.

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CITY OF PEACE AWARD

Philip and Rene Rechtsman received the City of Peace Award for their devoted participation at the Kielcer Society luncheon for State of Israel Bonds. From left are Morris Lazebnik, Israel Bonds chairman; Michael Barcash, the Rechtsmans and Percy Goodman. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

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The Dairy Restaurant
We will be closed for Succoth from Friday, October 17th and will re-open for dinner Monday, October 27th, 5 p.m.
Chag Sameach

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Also at the JCC, drama classes with **Minnabelle Hanneford** begin Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Literary Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 20, features **Mark Gordon**, author of The Development of the Short Story. This is for members only and takes place from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The charge is $4.

At the Music of the Month program on Monday, Oct. 20, at 1.30 p.m. **Jennie Eisenstein** performs and comments on Yiddish music. There is no charge for members. Non-members are charged $1.50.

The Health Lecture series on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 1.30 p.m. presents family physician **Dr. Albert Green** whose topic will be The Doctor Complains About the Patient. All Health lectures are open to the community. There is no charge for members, $1 for non-members.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 22 at 1.30 p.m. is a program entitled Music of Love with **Barbara and Carl Little**. Refreshments will be served after the entertainment. Charge is $1.25 members, $1.75 non-members.

singles

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JCC Valley Singles Centre invites you to attend the Singles Support Group on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (upstairs). The theme is Learning to be Able to Relate to Ourselves and Others in Just a Little Different Way. Topic for this session is Coming to Your Senses with **Paul Pifko** as facilitator. Charge is $2 members (with cards please), $3 non-members. For information, call **Sally Kerbel** at the JCC Valley at 889-0813.....The JCC Valley Singles Centre announces Moving On, a life skills-support course for the not-so-recently separated, divorced or widowed Jewish men and women. This group will meet for a 4-week course to discuss areas of interest and concern. Facilitator will be **Gail Gardner**, who has taught this course for the Board of Education. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. beginning Nov. 5 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Fee is $20 per person. Please register by Oct. 29. For registration and information, call **Sally Kerbel** at 889-0813.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group** (35 and over) Great Issues lecture series deals with Moral Neutrality or a Commitment to Justice? Canada and the Nazi War Criminal Issue. The lecturer is **Manuel Prutschi**, national director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress. The time is 8 p.m. in the downstairs social hall of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $3 members, $5 visitors.

Are you interested in food and informally making new acquaintances? **Club Moriah** will be having several shmooze nights dining and/or watching new or old films in late October. This is for ages 30-40. If interested, call **Jeffrey** at 783-3019 evenings.

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Grand Reopening Singles Party at Le Club at the Inn on the Park on Monday, Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. Cover is $7. Also, there will be a new feature at dances, the Love Patrol, to help singles meet. For information, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

Join **Club Netanya**, the new co-ed 10-pin bowling league and social group that meets every other Saturday at 9.30 p.m. You are invited to the next open house on Saturday, Oct. 18, at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. (2 blocks north of Lawrence, west off Dufferin). There's still room for singles 20-40. Space is limited for the 40 plus division. More men are needed. If you have not already registered, meet the executive in the party room at 8.45 p.m. Bowling starts at 9.30. For registration and information, call **Howard** or **Harvey** at 636-9468 between 5-8 p.m., or **Stan** at 638-0747 evenings or Playtime Bowl at 787-7421.

The Professional and University Educated Group of **High Society** invites you to a cocktail party on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at Michael's, 50 Bloor St. W. (next door to Holt's). There will be dancing and mingling and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. The time is 8-12 p.m. Cover is $8. For information, call High Society at 446-1394.

Are you interested in informally meeting friends who share your winter outdoor hobby or sport? If you are 25-35 and want to go skiing or snowshoeing for a day or weekend with a club — **Solelim** — call **Jeffrey** at 783-3019 evenings.

at the jcc

The Jewish Community Centre is offering a Computers for Seniors course. Beginners Hands On course begins Monday, Oct. 20, from 3.45-5.30 p.m. for eight sessions. There is no fee for seniors and members. Non-members under 65 will be charged $16. Material cost is $5. Register with the senior adult department of the northern JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. The phone number is 636-1880. Classes are held at the Creative Living Centre.

Drama classes for seniors with **Minnabelle Hanneford** begin Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880.

The Koffler Centre School of Dance and Related Arts has scheduled ballroom dancing classes with instructor **Frank McKie**. Social Dancing and Partnering Basics runs Thursdays, 7-8.30 p.m., beginning Oct. 9 (it's not too late to join). International Style Ballroom Dancing, elementary level, runs Mondays 8.30-10 p.m. beginning Oct. 20. Intermediate and advanced level runs Thursdays 8.30-10 p.m., beginning Oct. 9. Cost per semester is $55 JCC members (with cards), $65 non-members. Register at dance office, northern JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Phone is 636-1880.

JCC North-East Valley branch hopes that your family will join the JCC Valley family to celebrate Succoth on Sunday, Oct. 19. Decorating the succah, pony rides, holiday arts and crafts, magic show and food of the season will be the days activities. The time is 2-4 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Charge is $5 member family, $7 non-member family. For information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

Couples Over 40 group invites you to spend a relaxing evening during this busy month. Come and enjoy a special holiday and trivia evening with **Tommy Weiss** on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. at JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Charge is $5 per couple. Hosts are **Betti and Sol Raibmon**. RSVP by calling 881-4213. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

About People

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Monte Kwinter, minister of consumer and commercial relations, recently brightened the birthdays of two 90-year-olds at Baycrest Centre. He presented plaques on behalf of Ontario **Premier David Peterson** in honor of the 90th birthdays of **Goldie Prussky**, a resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged, and **Charlotte Long**, a patient at Baycrest Hospital.

MOUNT SINAI VIPS

At the recent annual meeting of Mount Sinai Hospital, **Hy Isenbaum** was elected chairman of the board of directors, succeeding **Irving Gerstein** who becomes chairman emeritus after 7 years of distinguished leadership.

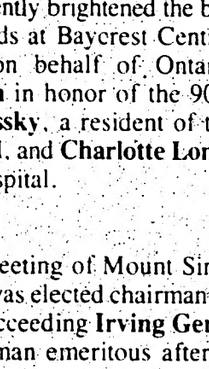
Mr. Isenbaum, a founder and senior partner with Soberman, Isenbau, & Colomby, chartered accountants, has been an active member of the hospital's board since 1970, serving as vice-chairman as well as treasurer for several terms.

ART SHOW

An exhibit of recent works by Toronto artist **Margaret Florence Ludwig** is on view Oct. 17-29 at Gallery 306, 80 Spadina Ave., 3rd floor. A graduate of the Ontario College of Art, she has had several 1-woman shows and participated in many group exhibitions.

SINGLE CONSULTANT

Jewish Dateline has announced the appointment of **Debbie Cowitz** as its new singles consultant.



Debbie Cowitz

Debbie has been professionally involved in the Jewish community in a variety of positions. Her background as an educator and human resource specialist will benefit and enhance this exciting, growing service to the Jewish singles population of Toronto.

SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT BLITZ

The Biotechnical Institute of Israel recently held a Scholarship Support Blitz through its North American chapters in New York, Montreal and Toronto in aid of new students entering the institute for the 1986-87 year. All students, who will be trained as highly skilled medical technicians, are fully funded due to the high cost of the medical technical program. Working the scholarship desk are Toronto chapter executive members (from left) Jennie Klotz, Florence Koven, Joanne Hoffman and Marjorie Posluns. In background is executive director Carol Epstein. [Ben Lechtman photo]

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Organizations and People

Sewers back up, cause flooding

Heavy rainfall plays havoc with synagogue

By
MARK DODICK —

TORONTO —
The recent bout of unprecedented rainfall made everybody's Rosh Hashanah a little soggy, but the congregants of the Beach Hebrew Institute Synagogue can be forgiven if they feel they got the worst of the deluge.

After several weeks of weather fit for a latter-day Noah, the foundation of the synagogue — originally put up in 1898 — succumbed to the rising pools.

The basement flooded and the washrooms became unusable because the sewers backed up. And all this happened not long before the expected rush of the new year, says Arnold Nerman, president of the synagogue.

So as not to be outdone by the elements and to allow services to proceed, he arranged for portable toilets to be brought to the synagogue.

"The age of the structure is finally showing itself," says Nerman, who notes it has been declared a heritage building.

The synagogue (at 109 Kenilworth Ave.), which once served as a place of worship for Jews spending their summer holidays at the nearby beaches, now caters to the small Jewish population located in a trendy area of small shops near the shores of Lake Ontario.

The unaffiliated congregation has 102 households as members, Nerman says, and has had problems in the past few years because of the rising water table. But nothing like this ever occurred before, he quickly adds.

With a pump draining out the water, the source of the sewer problem being sought, and the portable toilets gone, "we can now utilize a small section of the basement for the children but that's all that's usable down there," Nerman says.

So even though the synagogue may have won its first round versus the rain, a lot of work remains to be done.

Though renovations have been carried out on other parts of the structure, fixing the foundation is a major expense.

And while Nerman hopes the synagogue's status as a heritage building will bring in some government funds for repairs, he says the members would be very grateful for any help from the community.

For more information, phone Nerman at 967-6379 or the synagogue at 694-7942.

Portable toilets sit outside the Beach Hebrew Institute Synagogue after flooding made the building's washrooms unserviceable during Rosh Hashanah services. [Graphic Artists photo]

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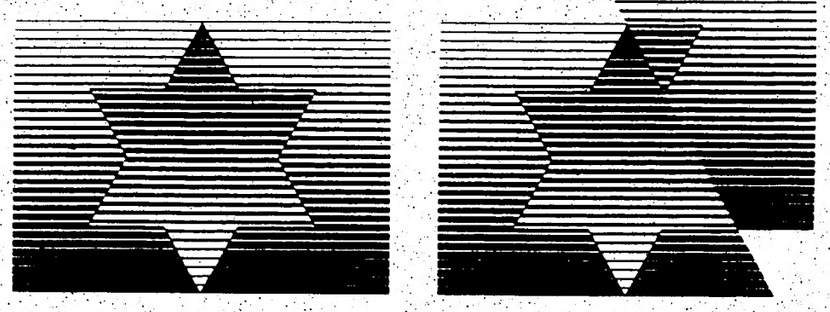

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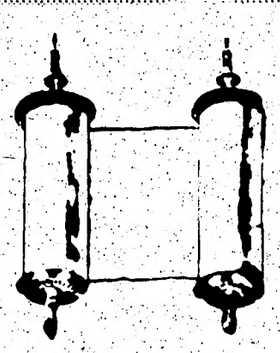

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Succoth 5747

On Succoth we are surrogated by mitzvot, surrounded by simcha, rejoicing!

A certain tzaddik lived in dire poverty. The only thing of value he owned were a pair of tephillen from the Baal Shem Tov.

One year, etrogim (citrons used for the Succoth holiday) were scarce, and the price was very expensive.

But how do you celebrate Succoth without an etrog? So he sold the family heirloom, the tephillen, and bought the etrog.

The tzaddik's wife saw the expensive etrog, and was furious: "The children don't have shoes on their feet, and you spend your money on an etrog!"

In her fury, she threw it down, breaking the "pittum" (the little stem on top), and rendering the etrog unfit.

The tzaddik lifted the broken etrog, sighed deeply, and said: "The tephillen are gone. The etrog is worthless. All I have left is the simchat Yom Tov — rejoicing with the holiday. Should I lose that also?"

He held himself in . . . kept cool — and celebrated!

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On Succoth we return to God with joy.

When Reb Mordechai of Lechowitz entered the succah the first night, he would fall to the earth, kiss the floor of the succah and cry out: "How can a foot of dust and earth step on such a beautiful mitzvah of succah?"

We can achieve on Succoth ever more than accomplish on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur!

There is a strange Midrash: Says the Midrash about Succoth — "Rishon licheshobon avonot! Succoth is the first day for counting up transgressions!" (Tanuchuma/Emor)

What? Counting sins, counting transgressions? Succoth is for mitzvahs, for schach, and etrogim, and children hanging decorations, and "visomachto bichagecha," rejoicing, celebration, happiness, harvest.

Why mix in sins?

But it shows the power of pure joy, of rejoicing not over some baseball or football team, but over mitzvot.

On Yom Kippur we repent. Good stuff. We pound our hearts, we turn pale with fasting, we bow our heads.

Our sins? From such awe-inspired penetence our sins become "shegagot" — foolish mistakes. They are neutralized.

But Succoth? Succoth we turn to God not from awe or fear or punishment, but from simcha, from love, from rejoicing. Teshuva mayahavah! Return to God from love!

And a miracle takes place. All our past transgressions are metamorphized like a caterpillar into a butterfly. Sins . . . become merits! Avonot . . . become zechutim! With joy we squeeze the light out of the darkness, the pure out of the impure, we set our neshamas aflame!

Sin? Our shtusim, foolishness, our stupidities, our pettiness.

But holiness? A person expands, expands.

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Torah gives life. The Chatam Sofer took long to pray the silent amidah. Once someone approached him and asked: "Rabbi, why do you spend so much time praying? In the time you prayed, I finished quickly and was able to review two pages of Talmud."

Answered the Chatam Sofer: "The rabbis teach that whoever prays long is granted extra years. So in those extra years I'll be able to make up the pages I missed by my long prayers."

May this year bring joy for the whole Jewish people, Amen! Chag Sameach!

Art, technology, illicit sex "bankrupt paths"

Find G-d in mitzvot, says mystic

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Everyone is looking for the rapture of the divine experience but most people look in the wrong places, says Rabbi Dovid Din, scholar, lecturer and mystic.

In the last of a series of three lectures on Accepting the Yoke of Heaven at the Willowdale Orthodox Jewish Congregation, Din said that after the Middle Ages when the age of unquestionable religious faith died, people have looked for G-d in such places as technology, psychology, art and illicit sex.

These bankrupt paths "let us have a moment of ecstacy in which we experience G-d. But this is a fleeting glimpse, not the reality, and we keep looking," he said.

The tall, thin rabbi, with full payes and the traditional dress of a Breslaver chassid, used examples from a wide range of human endeavor to arrive at one of his major themes:

Judaism, Din insists, is a series of choices by which we reach G-d: "The Torah compels continuous choice — what is or isn't kosher, what is or isn't allowed." The choices will be painful, he admitted, but the pain is mitigated by the degree to which you accept the validity of Torah.

Many of us are alienated in this world, he believes, and "the act of making a choice (for Judaism) leads us through the fire of returning to our own identity."

It is important to realize, said the rabbi, that Judaism accepts that there can be a difference between what we know intellectually and what we experience.

He urged his audience to come to religious life not merely by studying, but by actually doing — by keeping kosher, by keeping Shabbes and by prayer.

"Don't rush in. Take on mitzvos slowly (he translated not by the usual "commandments" but as something that joins together man and G-d). Don't be afraid — choice is a healing mechanism."

For the past several years, Din has been brought to Toronto by a small group of admirers, beginning with Faye Siegelman. This time, the organizers of his visit were Jeffrey and Deanna Cohen and Malka and Eliezer Mendelovitz.

The lectures were held in the facilities of the Willowdale Orthodox Jewish Congregation, which now meets at 623 Finch Ave., between Bathurst and Dufferin.

It has been in existence for a number of years, designed to serve those families who lived too far from the existing Orthodox synagogues.

The congregation is unique, Rabbi Eliezer Rokach explained, because it tries to combine both Ashkenazi and Sephardi customs. "Our congregants come from both backgrounds, and we try to maintain both."

Thus, they "incorporate customs, tunes and lyrics" from both streams into the service, he said.

"Unity in diversity" is very much a conscious part of the thinking and conversation of the congregants, and is an obvious source of pride to those who spoke to The CJN.

World Food Day to be observed

TORONTO —

Oct. 16 is World Food Day, an opportunity for all to reflect on the importance of dealing with the issues of global hunger and food problems, says the Ontario World Food Day Co-Ordinating Committee, a coalition of voluntary and private sector organizations, government agencies, businesses and individuals.

World Food Day is commemorated in 147 countries and honours the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Quebec City in 1945.

With 1986 being the International Year of Peace, the Ontario World Food Day Co-Ordinating Committee is stressing the importance of solving world food problems to achieving a more peaceful international community. The theme for this year's World Food Day is Food, Water and Fisheries.

Highlights of the day's activities in Ontario include:

- "Globe Fast," a Global Youth Fast awareness and action event centred at the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus and involving young people on all continents.
- "Rich Man/Poor Man" lunches and dinners to be held across Ontario.
- Educational displays, film showings and other programs across the province.
- A "Food Arsenal" display at Toronto's City Hall.
- In-school study sessions on food issues in elementary and secondary schools across Ontario.

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Part of centennial celebrations

JTS prof to lecture at Beth Sholom

TORONTO —

As part of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America's centennial celebrations being held across North America and Israel next month, Beth Sholom Congregation will feature a series of lectures by Prof. Edward Greenstein of JTS.

Greenstein, whose specialty is literary analysis of the Bible, will be speaking on the biblical stories of Joseph, Jonah and Samson on the Nov. 7-9 weekend at the synagogue.

He will give the first lecture on Joseph during Shabbat services and the second on Jonah and the Whale on Saturday evening around 8. The final lecture will take place Sunday morning in conjunction with the weekly Brotherhood breakfast meeting.

Greenstein is associate editor of Prooftexts: A Journal of Jewish Literary History and was a staff writer for Encyclopedia Judaica. He was a consultant on the Bible segment of the TV series Heritage: Civilization and the Jews, narrated by Abba Eban.

Beth Tzedec will mark JTS's centenary next spring by bringing in Ismar Schorsch, newly elected chancellor of the seminary.

At the seminary in New York, a centennial gala will be held Nov. 5 to usher in the second century complete with dinner parties and entertainment by singer Dionne Warwick.

The seminary will also hold a series of public programs throughout its centennial year where scholars, authors and government leaders will address a wide range of topics and the Jewish Museum, an affiliate of the seminary, has mounted a centennial exhibition and will present several lecture series on Jewish art and culture during the coming year.

In Israel, a 2-day conference and convocation will be held Dec. 7-11 to celebrate the seminary's centennial and the achievements of its Israeli counterpart, Masorti Movement, culminating in a dinner with Israeli President Chaim Herzog at the Knesset.

The JTS opened its doors in New York to 10 students in 1887. Today the seminary includes campuses in New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem, The Rabbinical School, The Cantors Institute, The Graduate Schoool, The Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, The Jewish Museum, The Melton Research Centre for Jewish Education, The Ramah Camps, The Eternal Light radio and TV programs, The Louis Finkelstein Institute for Religious and Social Studies, The Saul Lieberman Institute for Talmudic Studies and The Ivan F. and Seema Boesky Family Library.

Rabbi M. Fleischer, a sofer, helps Dalia Krakofsky (left) and her two daughters Shira and Rivka in the completion of Beth Tefilah's new sefer Torah. [Danny Lowe photo]

Beth Tefilah acquires first new Sefer Torah

LONDON, Ont. —

Although there have been synagogues here since the end of the 19th century, Congregation Beth Tefilah recently acquired the first brand new Sefer Torah ever to come to this city.

The new Torah was welcomed ceremoniously with a program led by the 200 students of the London Community Hebrew Day School. They and congregation members spilled into the streets accompanied by a band, a chupah and the synagogue's new spiritual leader, Rabbi Shalom Kurz to parade their new Torah with singing and dancing.

The Torah was dedicated to the late Isaac Moscovitz, who founded the traditional synagogue in his basement 20 years ago.

Now housed in its own building, Beth Tefilah has 100 families who contributed $23,000 for the purchase of the Torah. It took an entire year of Hebrew calligraphy to complete.

The last few sentences of the new Torah were left in outline form and Londoners shared in the mitzvah of writing a Torah by filling in the last words under the guidance of the sofer, Rabbi M. Fleischer of Toronto.

Octogenarian Ralph Waldman, a gabbai at Beth Tefilah since its inception, danced joyfully with the Torah and said: "This is our future . . . the Torah and these children."

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Primrose Club to honor Bob Hall

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Robert Hall

TORONTO –
When talking to Robert "Bob" Hall about the award he's about to receive, he's quick to change the subject.

It's the Variety Club and its work for handicapped children around the world that really gets him excited. Personal awards are nice, but how can you compare that to the satisfaction of seeing a child in Australia wearing a prosthesis developed in Ontario thanks to the work of the Variety Club, the "world's greatest children's charity," he asks.

Hall, past president of Variety Club International, will be honored with the Primrose Club Award at a dinner on Nov. 4 for his "meritorious and dedicated service in the community."

The award is reserved for those who have "done a great job in the community but who haven't received recognition," according to Rajko Djukanovic, manager of the Primrose Club.

Others to have received the annual award since its inauguration in 1981 include Dora Till, Jack Cupple Oelbaum, Carl Keyfetz, Senator David Croll, Max Enkin and Dr. Louis Harnick.

Hall's community work touches a number of bases. He's been involved in all aspects of Variety Club activities in Toronto and on the international scene for more than 25 years, culminating with his tenure as chairman of the world board of directors in 1984-85.

Hall's older brother, Monty, was elected international president in 1975, and Robert credits Monty with influencing his decision to involve himself with Variety Club.

For the past 20 years Bob Hall, 59, has served as international legal counsel to Variety Clubs.

Hall's community activities also included stints as president of the Jewish Vocational Service of Toronto, as vice-president and legal counsel to the Toronto Zionist Council and the Jewish National Fund of Toronto.

His CV is seemingly endless. He's currently a governor of the Variety Village Sport and Fitness Training Centre, a facility about which he is especially proud.

He is a director of the National Council of Christians and Jews, a member of the board of Doctors' Hospital in Toronto and director of Boy's Town Jerusalem among other volunteer pursuits.

A native of Winnipeg's north end, Hall came to Toronto in 1949 where he worked for private Toronto radio stations and the CBC.

His most memorable journalistic experience occurred during that first year here. He was awakened from his sleep at a Madison Ave. frat house in the middle of a night by a cabbie who told him about a huge fire in Toronto harbor.

Pausing long enough to slip a coat over his pyjamas, Hall rushed to the scene carrying his 45 lb. "portable" tape recorder. At the scene, he shimmied up a light pole, unscrewed the bulb, plugged in his machine and began recording his description of the awful sight.

The SS Noronic fire claimed 119 lives that night, making it one of the world's worst maritime disasters. As a special events reporter for CHUM radio, Hall was the first reporter there.

Hall continued his early morning announcing at CHUM and CBC during four years of studies at Osgoode Hall Law School.

He was called to the Ontario bar in 1955 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1966.

He has served as legal counsel to the Ontario Racing Commission for 22 years and is counsel to the Toronto Law firm of Lyons, Goodman, Iacono, Smith & Berkow.

Hall is married to the former Edith Heisler of Sarnia, Ont. and they have four children: Lon, Daniel, Barbara Ann and Andrew.

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The succah reminds us our presence is temporary

By
RABBI SELIG KOROLNEK

The laws of building a succah are very detailed, though it be a temporary abode. The succah is a symbol of life, and its structure conveys to us significant covering, which has more shade than light, we must be able to see the stars. So we must see light even when circumstances are covered with more shadow than light.

It is written in the Shulchan Aruch: "He whose head and major part of his body were in the succah, and his table outside the succah, and he ate, it is as though he did not eat in the succah, even if it was a large succah, lest he be drawn after his table."

The succah as a symbol reminds us that our presence is temporary. No one's life is permanent. Hence we ought not live as though we were going to live forever.

If only we would recall that we are destined to die, we would forego much of our greed, our ambition, our lust. We would see each day as precious and make the most of it.

No building we erect, no business for which we slave, in fact, no civilization we develop, will be here forever. Yet such is not the course of man.

The Psalmist reminds us, "Their inward thought is that their houses shall continue forever, and their dwelling places to all generations." And he comments: "This is the way of foolishness."

The time must come when the table, the symbol of our material needs and physical gratification, should be brought into the succah. Too many of us, even those who dwell in the succah and have faith in G-d, too often place G-d in second place — after their business and financial interests.

The Sabbath, their integrity and honesty, time for Torah learning, and even family health are sacrificed for business — for the table.

Hence the succah comes to teach us that our table, our interests, our possessions, must be brought into the succah with us. All are in transition. They are not ultimate in life. All must be given their proper evaluation — none eternal.

Each of the arabaminim, the four species of vegetation we employ in this festival, are different from the other. One has both taste and fragrance, another fragrance without taste, a third taste without fragrance and the last neither taste nor fragrance.

One represents the heart, the next the spine, a third the eye, and the last the mouth. All are different. It requires a synthesis of all to fulfil the mitzvah, so long as they meet the minimal requirements of Schulchan Aruch.

This realization of the need for synthesis is most critical in our day. We live in a time of extremism of the left and the right. Any extremism that is intolerant of others who differ, makes for war, destruction and horror.

Hence, this holiday of Succoth comes to tell us to gather in all vegetation, all opinions, so long as they are honest and conform to the minimal requirements of law, even if it means admitting the other person's "darkness" alongside our "light," his "closed" approach with our "open" approach, his "tastelessness" with our "fragrance" and "delicious taste."

Such an understanding advances the cause of peace for which we pray when we ask of the Almighty, "Spread over us the Tabernacle of Thy peace." The ability to accept the synthesis of decent, peaceful co-existence is essential to a world of harmony.

Let us, in our own small way, seek this approach of tolerance and of synthesis and build peace, that the succah shall, indeed, become a succah shalom, a tabernacle of peace for all.

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Bluma Appel (centre) is shown with Hilary Goldenberg and Karen Morton, who co-chaired Women's Division Ramah-Chai function, which included luncheon and art viewing at Appel home, following art tour at offices of Joey Tanenbaum.

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Yael Dayan made such a terrific impression when she spoke at last year's Women's Division pull-in day, she has been asked back for a return engagement.

She will be the guest speaker at a Thornhill outreach evening to be held at the home of **Sylvia Silver** on Thursday, October 23.

It will be a busy UJA day for Ms. Dayan. At noon on the 23rd, she will address a meeting of the Young Lawyers Division at the offices of Goodman and Carr.

Daughter of the late **Moshe Dayan,** one of Israel's most celebrated heroes, she is the author of eight books, the latest of which is My Father, His Daughter.

Chairman for the Thornhill function is **Susan Fenwick.** The committee includes **Susan Borden, Debra Eisen, Karen Garscadden, Estelle Goldberg, Rhonda Hayman, Fran Massey, Honey Miller, Marilyn Perelman** and **Ricki Pilz.**

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We goofed department: In our comments last week regarding the opening meeting of the Optometrists Division, the guest speaker's name was misspelled. We want to set the record straight — it's **Dr. Martin S. Kazdan,** not Marvin. Sorry.

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There's been a slight switch in dates for "Getting Down to Business," a Business Division special event chaired by **Harvey Rosen** and **Gella Rothstein.**

It's now **October 29 and 30,** with the same format — luncheon, speaker and afternoon of canvassing.

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That was quite an itinerary arranged for our Project Renewal visitors.

Mayor **Eli Dadon** of Beit Dagan, who came here with his wife, **Tamar, Gabi Golan,** community representative from **Kfar Gvirol,** along with our Project Renewal liaison **Laura Yitzhakian** and her husband **Yoram,** was on the go during his entire weeklong stay in Toronto.

For Dadon, it was a wish fulfillment.

It was his long-held dream to come to Toronto to personally thank and meet with the people of this Jewish community who helped make possible the wonderful turnaround in the lives of the residents of Beit Dagan, through their support of Project Renewal.

He expressed these feelings to Project Renewal Co-chairmen **Michael Benjamin** and **Marty Goldberg** during one of their many trips to Beit Dagan to consult with community leaders.

They said they would bring Dadon here provided he acquire enough proficiency in English to make himself understood. Dadon, who spoke no English at the time, set himself the task of learning the basics and then some. The rest, as they say, is history.

His English proved to be more than adequate. He was able to address classes at a number of Jewish schools throughout Metro, make appearances at meetings, receptions and a breakfast meeting of the UJA Board, making himself easily understood.

Before leaving Toronto, Dadon also met with **Mel Lastman** at the North York mayor's city hall office.

The brief visit was a reversal — a UJA mission to Toronto! It succeeded in adding a more human dimension to Project Renewal, clearly illustrating how people, young and old, directly benefit from this uniquely co-operative undertaking.

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Fifty women took advantage of the opportunity to be luncheon guests at the home of **Bluma Appel,** and earlier in the day, feasting their eyes during a personally-conducted art tour by **Joey Tanenbaum,** when he showed the private collection housed in his office.

It was a Ramah-Chai fund-raiser organized by **Hilary Goldenberg** and **Karen Morton.**

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Lorraine and **Alan Sandler,** this year's Super Sunday Chairmen, report all systems are go for November 2.

Although this their first time out as chairman, the two are Super Sunday veterans, having been in charge of the administrative aspect of the day and having worked last year as Associate Chairmen when **David Blank** was at the helm.

The four time-slots are from **9:00-12:30; 12:00-3:30; 3:00-6:30; 6:00-9:30.** You may sign up for more than one session if you wish. Just call Super Sunday headquarters — 635-2883 — to let us know when we can count on your being there.

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Marshall Jubas, veteran canvasser in the Societies Division, has a family simcha coming up in November, with the marriage of his son, Stanley. Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Jubas, their son and bride-to-be.

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Organizations and People

Project Renewal partnership

TJC, UJA return hospitality to Beit Dagan

TORONTO — Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal had a chance to return six years worth of hospitality extended to them by the people of Beit Dagan as it played host recently to representatives of its Israeli Project Renewal partners.

"In six years," said Beit Dagan Mayor Eli Dadon, "our town has been transformed from a place that everyone wanted to leave to the social and cultural centre for the area. We achieved this remarkable turnaround through our Project Renewal partnership with you, the people of Toronto."

Dadon and his wife Tamar; Kfar Gvirol steering committee chairman Gabi Golan; and Project Renewal staffer Laura Yitzhakian and her husband Yoram visited Toronto to discuss how Project Renewal has worked in Beit Dagan, and what is needed in Toronto's new partner community, Kfar Gvirol.

The group visited schools and attended meetings of community organizations around Toronto, showing slides of the "before and after" of Beit Dagan, and areas targeted for repair in Kfar Gvirol. The visit was organized by Toronto Jewish Congress Project Renewal co-chairmen Michael Benjamin and Marty Goldberg.

It didn't take much prompting for the school children to remember that the funds they had raised in last year's United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel had gone to Kfar Gvirol, and that proceeds from the years before had been earmarked for Beit Dagan.

The Israelis brought New Years' greetings to the Torontonians from the children of Beit Dagan, and the day school classes promised to begin a penpal program with their Israeli counterparts.

At a reception for present and past members of the Toronto Project Renewal Committee and UJA Mission participants, Mayor Dadon talked about his community's new Build Your Own Home project.

Pointing to a picture of an empty field, he said, "On this land, 136 families will build residential housing units, costing them about one-quarter the price of similar housing in nearby Tel Aviv. This development will eventually house 25% of the population of Beit Dagan, including many newcomers."

When Toronto and Beit Dagan became Project Renewal partners in 1980, they agreed that the first priority was the youth of the town. "It was always important to us that every capital outlay be tied to some kind of social goal," explained Toronto co-chairman Marty Goldberg.

The first project was the community centre in order to provide a central focus for enrichment programs and community activities, he said.

The first project in Kfar Gvirol will also emphasize youth and education. A badly needed day care centre is in the planning stages, and an abandoned school will be refurbished so that the neighborhood children will not have to be bused long distances to school.

"The people of Kfar Gvirol are very happy that Toronto has become our partner in Project Renewal," said community representative Gabi Golan, "and we are looking forward to working with you towards raising the standard of living in our community."

Co-chairman Michael Benjamin summed up what Toronto has helped to achieve in Beit Dagan: "Anyone can see kids playing in puddles one day and swimming in a pool the next. What is much more exciting is beyond the obvious — it is the renewed excitement and vigor in the people of Beit Dagan. They have a greatly improved self-image and confidence in themselves.

"The relationship between Toronto and Beit Dagan goes beyond funding; it is a partnership, a sense of family. And they've given us something too.

"When I visit Israel and land at Ben-Gurion (Airport), of course I feel good. But when I arrive in Beit Dagan, I feel like I have reached home."

Project Renewal is funded exclusively by United Jewish Appeal contributions.

"Partners in Renewal" (from left) are: Toronto Jewish Congress President Ron Appleby, Kfar Gvirol representative Gabi Golan, Tamar Dadon, Beit Dagan Mayor Eli Dadon, Staffperson Laura Yitzhakian and Project Renewal co-chairman Michael Benjamin.

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Assembly held in wake of tragedies

Vaad HaRabbonim holds kinnus for repentance

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The tragedies that Jews around the world have suffered recently again underscoring the necessity for repentance was the theme of kinnus (convocation) held by the Vaad HaRabbonim at Agudath Israel Synagogue.

The congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Moshe Lowy, president of the Toronto Vaad HaRabbonim, said the organization felt that it was appropriate just before this year's High Holidays to have such an event, particularly considering such sad happenings as the massacre in an Istanbul synagogue and the death of Toronto teacher and Moria Congregation Rabbi David Drebin.

We must learn from Drebin the importance of honor and honesty, said Lowy.

Clanton Park Synagogue's Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, in eulogizing Drebin, spoke of his unique ability to combine the responsibilities for chastising people about their sins and showing compassion and understanding for their plight in order to bring them closer to Jewishness.

Baltimore Rabbi Abba Liff, a brother-in-law of Drebin, noted that the rabbi, whose maternal family traces its ancestry to the prophet Samuel, died at the age of 52 — the same age as the prophet.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Yaakov Kulevsky, who has been a rosh yeshiva at Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore for 32 years, and counts many Toronto residents as former students, gave a complex discourse on the concept of repentance as taught by Maimonides.

He reached the conclusion that the process of repentance, especially during the Rosh Hashona season, has the ability to create a new and rejuvenated personality, unencumbered by the sins of the past.

The overflow audience at what the Vaad HaRabbonim hopes will become an annual kinnus on repentance, was due in a large measure, according to Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill, to the pain felt by the Orthodox community about the recent massacre of Turkish Jews.

Although all Toronto Orthodox synagogues observed a day of prayer for the victims, the tragedy was the driving force behind scheduling the assembly for the first time this year, Taub said. "We felt we had to call this community together because of what happened to that community," he added.

The evening concluded with a reminder by Rabbi Lowy on behalf of the Vaad to be very certain to buy only a religiously acceptable lulav and esrog this Succoth. The vaad also appealed to those selling them to charge reasonable prices.

Holocaust film set for UBC

VANCOUVER —

A screening of Claude Lanzman's Holocaust documentary Shoah will be held in Room A205 of the Buchannan Building at the University of British Columbia at 7 p.m. Oct. 21, 23 and 27.

The film, which has been described as one of the greatest documentaries in the history of cinema, consists of interviews with three groups — Jewish survivors of the death camps; former Nazis; and Polish witnesses to the catastrophe.

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By DAVID BIRKAN

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The latest folio volume published in Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's ongoing life's work is Masechet Yevamot — part 2 (on levirate marriage). It and part 1 are each $20. Each of the previous 16 volumes costs $18.

Steinsaltz's Talmud may become the most popular edition of this seminal work of Judaism since its compilation was completed nearly 1,500 years ago, in this reviewer's opinion.

As well, his presentation of the material makes each volume a work of graphic art — a supreme coffee table book.

Steinsaltz, who heads his own yeshiva in Jerusalem, is reprinting the text of the Talmud with the punctuation and pronunciation signs not usually in most editions. Alongside the text is a basic running explanation, word by word, in modern Hebrew, as well as the traditional Rashi's commentary.

Included are tosefot, post-Rashi supercommentaries in more or less point form, and concise halachic derivations and additional interpretations.

The print, except for the Rashi, is in modern Hebrew lettering, complete with bold face and a form of italic. This contributes significantly to making the commentaries an open book to any Hebrew reader.

The text, while maintained in the pithy Aramaic, appears far less formidable than in unpunctuated editions.

The Rashi lettering is bold and unequivocal, a welcome reading aid for the less familiar student or for those whose eyesight can no longer easily discern subtleties in small spindly and occasionally badly printed forms.

Rashi's commentary, largely in Aramaic, is also left untranslated.

An attractive dust jacket unifies the volumes' exteriors and underscores their continuous relevance.

Adding visual appeal — and some helpful information as well — to the pages are supplementary diagrams in the margin of plants, animals and other common aspects of Second Temple life illustrating points under discussion.

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The Steinsaltz Talmud, popular in both Orthodox and non-Orthodox circles in Israel, is: an ideal bar mitzvah, or graduation gift for day school students; an attractive study volume for synagogues (Shaarei Shomayim Congregation's Rabbi Henry Hoschander, for one, uses it in his weekly Talmud class); and a birthday or anniversary gift of perennial value.

Mizrachi, which deals directly with Steinsaltz's Israel publisher, is selling the Talmud for fund raising purposes. It is also available at Jewish book stores.

"Mizrachi is committed to Torat Eretz Israel," national executive director Rabbi Menachem Golpin told The Canadian Jewish News. "Steinsaltz represents the best that's coming out of Israel," he said.

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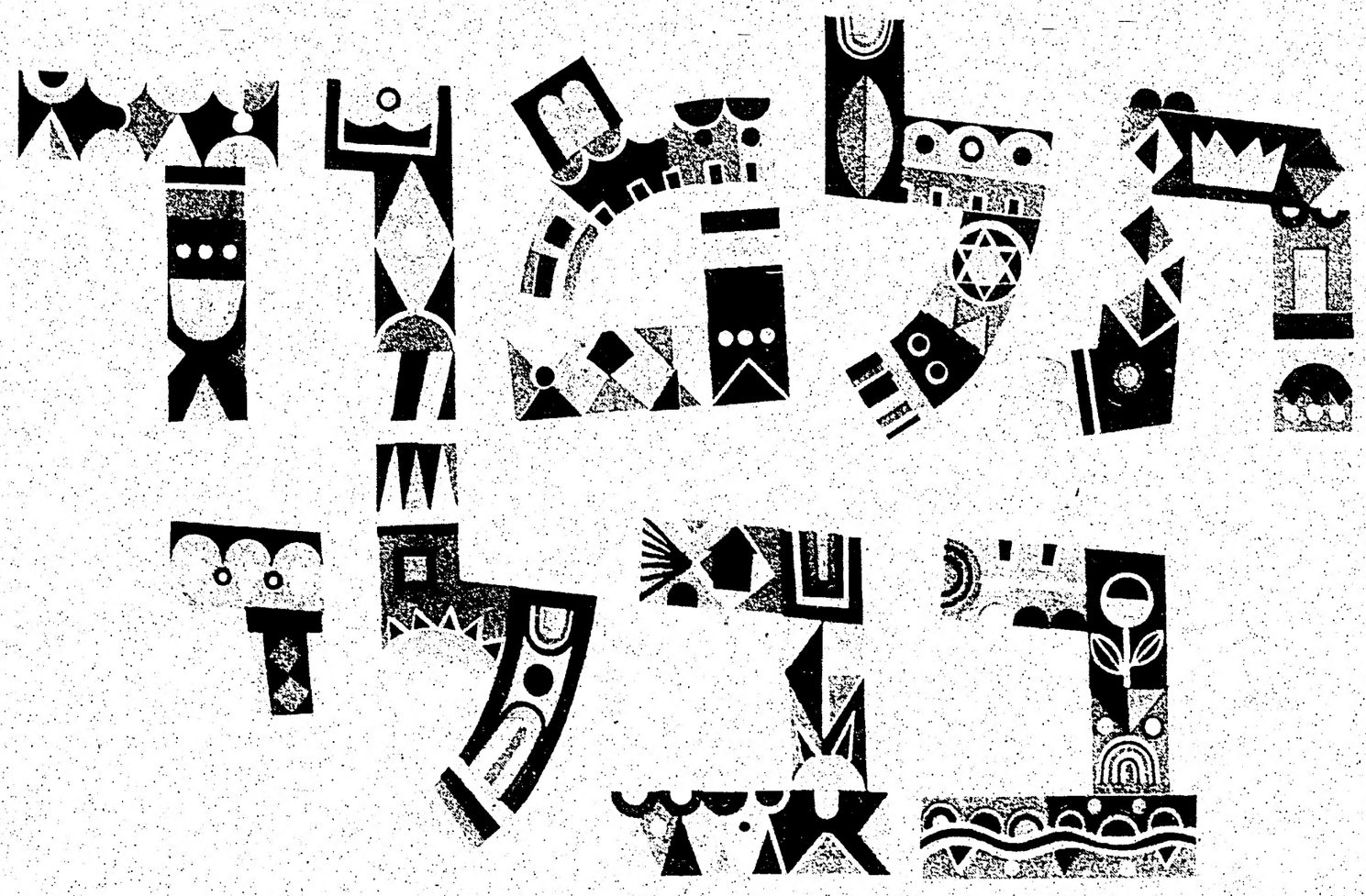

Cover of Steinsaltz Talmud

Tips to improve safety of latchkey children

TORONTO — To teach children how to deal with emergencies that might arise while parents are at work, the Canada Safety Council has chosen Latchkey Logic as the theme for this year's School Safety Week campaign, running from Oct. 17-23.

The following are some tips for parents from the Canada Safety Council to improve the safety of latchkey children:

Write out all emergency telephone numbers, plus parents' work numbers, a neighbor who is at home during the day, and instructions on how emergency services can reach the home. Keep this information by the telephone.

For incoming calls, children should keep their answers short and never advertise that they are staying alone. Answer with something like, "My father is taking a nap. Can I take a message?" or I'm sorry, my mother can't come to the phone right now. Can I have her return your call?"

If the doorbell rings, instruct children to look out a window or peephole where they will not be seen by the caller. If the child doesn't recognize the person at the door, he should not answer it.

Instruct children to call you when they arrive home. They should also call if they have had a sudden change of plan that will bring them home later than usual.

Encourage children to stick with a buddy on their way to and from school.

Point out the places children can go for help if they are approached by a stranger or get into some other difficulty on their way home from school.

Enrol children in a basic first aid course.

Review with children all the emergency escape routes and alternate escape routes in your home.

For further information call (613) 521-6881.

Simchat Torah in Sask.

MONTREAL — The small communities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress is sponsoring Simchat Torah programs in Saskatchewan at the end of October.

Animator Hilda Smolash will lead a program of Israeli dance suitable for all ages.

The members of the Saskatoon community can join her on Oct. 24 and 25 at Congregation Agudas Israel; in Regina, the community can participate on Oct. 26 at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

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Honorees Dr. Baruch and Sarah Diena (centre) are seen with their sons, Immanuel (left) and Daniel, at the siyum honoring them.

JYL supporters honor the Dienas at dinner

OTTAWA —

Supporters of the Jewish Youth Library and its Dial-a-Daf program gathered at the Young Israel Synagogue here recently for a siyum on Masechta Gittin and a dinner honoring Dr. Baruch and Sarah Diena.

The Dienas are moving to Toronto soon to join their children and grandchildren. Dr. Diena will be learning half a day at Ner Israel Kollel, and helping his sons run Daniels Laboratory Ltd. Mrs. Diena plans to continue to be active in community interests, especially with Emunah Women.

Dr. Diena was an active supporter and user of the Dial-a-Daf program, says Rabbi Mordecai Berger, explaining his connection with the program. Rabbi Berger, Rabbi Yisroel Morgenstern and Rabbi Gershon Sonnenschein delivered divrei Torah at the dinner.

Dr. Yosef Caytak, representing the library, praised the dedication Diena put into learning the hourly Talmud lesson daily — often reviewing it twice in the same day.

Dr. Diena himself reviewed Tractate Gittin for the assembly, discussing its complex laws on divorce. The Diena's son, Manny, concluded the evening with a speech about his parents' support of Orthodox community institutions.

For more information on the Jewish Youth Library and its Dial-a-Daf program, call Issie Scarowsky at (613) 729-4444 or Yosef Caytak at (613) 729-9256.

Fund for activity program

Bar mitzvah helps Baycrest

TORONTO —

When Cyril Levenstein decided to have a bar mitzvah at age 50, he performed more than the mitzvah of reading from the Torah. By establishing a fund to support an activity program for patients at Baycrest Hospital, Levenstein shared his occasion with 300 elderly patients.

"We set up the Sam Federman and Harry Levenstein Endowment Fund to honor the memory of my wife's father and to honor my own father who is in a Winnipeg hospital," says Levenstein. "My father has been hospitalized for the past year and my mother is about to enter a home for the aged. But there is nothing like Baycrest Centre for them in Winnipeg, their home.

"We established the fund because we have a real appreciation for what Baycrest Centre provides in the way of complete services. This fund will provide activity and social programs to help parents and grandparents cope with advancing age."

The Levensteins decided to establish the fund after talking with Chaim Uhr, endowments director of the Men's Service Group at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Included with the bar mitzvah invitations were cards requesting guests to make a donation to the fund in lieu of personal gifts.

"I was a little embarrassed about having a bar mitzvah at my age," admits Levenstein. As a young boy I didn't have the opportunity to learn Hebrew or be bar mitzvahed. Later in my life I relied on my father-in-law, Sam Federman, to provide the family with Jewish leadership.

"But after his death, I found myself unprepared to lead Passover seders and carry on the traditions that I had always believed were important.

"This bar mitzvah was in Sam's memory and so I felt it would be appropriate to name the fund in his and my own father's name. Having a bar mitzvah was my way of trying to return a little respect and tribute to a fine man."

Cyril and Marilyn Levenstein established the Sam Federman and Harry Levenstein Edowment Fund which will be used to sponsor "mazel tov nights" at Baycrest.

Guests, family and friends donated more than $10,000 to the fund. The money is invested in perpetuity and the interest will be used to sponsor "mazel tov nights" in the Jewish Home for the Aged and Day Care. These mazel tov nights provide an opportunity for residents, patients, family and friends to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries together.

"Establishing a fund at Baycrest Centre seemed like the logical thing to do," says Levenstein. "I wish there were a Baycrest Centre in Winnipeg so that my parents could be together and receive the kind of care Baycrest offers. It's a remarkable complex."

Award winner lifesaver

TORONTO —

One of the oldest recipients of a Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly volunteer award once helped save a life during the course of his duty.

Sidney Schlussel, 85, came upon a critically ill Meals on Wheels recipient in time to send her to the hospital.

"When I delivered her meals one morning, she did not answer the door," he said on receiving his award recently. "I would not leave until I got someone to let me in. When we entered her apartment, we found her very sick and nearly unconscious. We called an ambulance right away. She was taken to the hospital just in time, the doctors told us."

Several years ago, Schlussel also saved the shul he volunteers for from burning down.

Braving billowing smoke pouring from the Beth Lida's kitchen, he rushed in and doused the fire that had broken out in the fan.

Schlussel is the longtime unofficial shammus and gabbai of the shul in the Eglinton-Spadina area. "I'm a shomer chinnom," (unpaid guardian) he jokes. "That way they can't blame me for anything."

Schlussel has been delivering kosher Meals on Wheels since he retired from business in 1970.

He said: "We all have an obligation to help one another. That's what life is all about."

Sidney Schlussel receives his award from Anita Ekstein, chairman of CSJE's volunteer committee.

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"Meteor leaving us challenges and memories"

Holy Blossom memorial lauds feisty Feinberg

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, was called lover of truth, freedom, justice, democracy and all people, by fellow clergy members and former colleagues and friends at a recent memorial service at Holy Blossom Temple, where he once served as spiritual leader and held the post of rabbi emeritus at the time of his death during Rosh Hashanah.

"...Help me to meet adversity with courage, to treat humanity with compassion and glorify life with an inhibition which reflects thy eternal spirit," quoted Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur, reading from one of Feinberg's poems. As well as the synagogue's current spritual leader, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Max Enkin, June Callwood and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut participated in the service.

"Feinberg was a singular and distinctive human being who left an indelible imprint upon all who met him," said Baskin. "His gifts and talents were manyfold. He was endowed with a beautiful singing voice, a persuasive pen and an incisive mind. These attributes were coupled with a passionate a unrepenting commitment to justice, a passion that never left him."

Baskin said he met Feinberg for the last time a few months ago at annual convention of Central Conference of American Rabbis. At that time, Baskin said, Abe (as he was popularly known) appeared in his "jaunty" beret with a peace symbol dangling from his neck and spoke "enthusiastically" of programs he had in mind to help the elderly in his community.

Baskin said one particular episode in Feinberg's career which hurt him deeply concerned an attempt to eliminate the singing of Christmas carols in Toronto public schools. Baskin said Feinberg received little support from the Jewish community and a "battering" from the press and the public.

Recalling Feinberg's visit to North Viet Nam, Baskin said Feinberg was "never more proud than when he showed me the cane that was presented to him by the country's leader Ho Chi Minh.

"That was the cane he raised at a multitude of meetings across North America as he campaigned with undiminished vigor against the bloodletting in southeast Asia. It was to his everlasting credit that he was courageous while others were timid, that he was outspoken while others were restrained and that he stood always for the underdog while others dithered and played for time."

Max Enkin, honorary president of Holy Blossom, was head of the pulpit committee that brought Feinberg to Toronto and the Holy Blossom in 1943 where he served for 18 years.

In his tribute to Holy Blossom's former spiritual leader, Enkin said Feinberg had a special love for younger people and was always true to his principles.

"He never lost or forgot his humble beginings," said Enkin, a good friend of Feinberg. "He was a controversial figure and not all the leaders of the community necessarily agreed with him. It is to the credit of Holy Blossom that he continued to enjoy the freedom of his thought and the freedom of expression that characterized him.

"I am very thankful of having had the priviledge of talking with him just two weeks ago," Enkin said. "His voice was feeble, but his mind was bright as ever. He loved his God...he loved his people."

Callwood praised Feinberg for not being patronizing to women, saying she first knew him 43 years ago when she worked at The Globe and Mail.

"He was never at a loss for words," said Callwood. "He fought against injustice and for truth. He championed the cause of Viet Nam draft resisters."

Rabbi Plaut said Feinberg was a communicator "par excellence" who shortly after becoming a rabbi realized the pulpit was too restrictive and restraining.

"Thus in his long and colorful career he was able to communicate in a variety of ways, by speaking, by singing, by writing, by just being Abe or as some called him Tony Feinberg."

Plaut said when he came to Holy Blossom 25 years ago to succeed Feinberg he found a man happy to "cast off the burdens of office.

"Now he was able to do whatever he wanted and in the years that followed he did what he thought," said Plaut. "Making the comfortable uncomfortable was one of his pleasures in life."

Plaut said that between the eve of Yom Kippur 1899 when Feinberg was born and Rosh Hashanah 1986 when he died he lived his life as "a meteor streaking across our lives leaving us with challenges and memories."

Gordon Wolfe, president of Holy Blossom, read a letter from Ontario Premier David Peterson praising Feinberg and Rabbi Marmur closed the memorial service reading from an article written by Feinberg on how to face death.

Hamilton BB, Bonds honor Franklin Shapiro

Heroism of Israelis lauded

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Both guest speaker and honoree were overcome with emotion and guests were wiping their eyes at the recent B'nai B'rith — State of Israel Bonds breakfast honoring Dr. Franklin Shapiro for his many years of service in some of the community's top leadership positions.

American-born writer and poet Howard Stone broke down while telling the story of his Israeli wife's best friend, who lost her first husband during the Six Day War and her 5-year-old daughter two years later when she was "blown to pieces by a Jordanian freedom fighter" as she was crossing the kibbutz lawn. In 1974, when she was pregnant again, her second husband was killed in the Yom Kippur War.

And Shapiro had to briefly compose himself as he noted that one of the guests at Adas Israel Synagogue was to have been Gilda Cino, herself to be honored later this month as the Italian community's first woman Citizen of the Year, but who had died several days before following a kidney transplant operation.

But there was also laughter. Stone told how he was once booked on a tour of U.S. federations together with TV sex doctor Dr. Ruth Westheimer — "she was the bait, I was the hook" — and was supposed to follow her half hour of "the most bizarre question on sex" with a lecture on Israel's economy.

Stone, who was recruited into Israeli government service when he settled on a kibbutz after helping to smuggle North African Jews into Israel, told the large gathering that the real Jewish heroes today are not just "the pimple-faced Israeli kids who defend Israel's border" or Soviet Jews who "defy the most oppressive regime the world has ever known to stand up for their rights."

The heroes, he said, were also men like Frank Shapiro who "despite all of the temptations that this society offers to lead empty, selfish lives, chose to get involved."

How easy it is, said Stone, to cop out in what is "the wealthiest, best educated, freest society the world has ever known. . . . Nobody tells you, you have to be a Jew, to be involved. . . ."

Ralph Snow, president-elect of B'nai B'rith Canada, lauded Israel's scientific and humanitarian achievements as "unparalleled by any other nation in such a short span of time."

He said that to Holocaust survivors like himself, "the purchase of Bonds becomes an expression of gratitude for my survival, especially for the good life we have been blessed with here in Canada."

Presenting Shapiro with the Tower of David Award, former Hamilton Jewish Federation president Dr. Jack Shekter described his friend and colleague as "a diamond with many, many facets" and as "flexible in everything he does . . . except (in his regard for) the value of Yiddishkeit, the value of learning, the value of being a good citizen, which is simply to be a good Jew."

Others taking part in the program included Federation chairman of the board and past B'nai B'rith Canada president Phil Leon; Hamilton Mayor Bob Morrow; 1986 BB Bonds chairman Dr. Matt Schmerling and associate chairman Marvin Caplan; Hamilton BB lodge president David Walman and Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Temple Anshe Sholom; Rabbi Morton Green, Adas Israel Synagogue; and Rabbi Israel Silverman, Beth Jacob Congregation.

Breakfast co-chairmen were Jay Rosenblatt and Dr. Joel Schacher.

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Philosopher-rabbi decries Judaism without Torah

TORONTO —

Basic Orthodox beliefs preclude any union of its representatives in religious umbrella groups with those of the Conservative or Reform movements. Pluralism in the Jewish faith is "a meaningless illusion."

So said Rabbi Immanuel Schochet recently at a public meeting at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

The spiritual leader of the Kielcer Congregation told an overflow audience:

"Jews who believe that the Torah and Jewish tradition are revealed by God, and that the laws codified in the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) are binding, can never accept the legitimacy or validity of an ideology or organization that denies this most fundamental principle of Judaism."

While groups for social concerns can incorporate all segments of the Jewish community, he said "there cannot be an umbrella organization for religious purposes where the beliefs and practices of one group are mutually exslusive with those of another."

Rabbi Schochet said that traditionally Judaism can accept unity among Jews "as individuals, bound and interrelated by Torah, by the Divine component we all share.

"To recognize or accept different ideas, philosophies or ideologies" is impossible.

Said Schochet, who is also a philosophy professor at Humber College:

"Pluralism is the sense of legitimizing religious ideologies that do not converge but run parallel to one another, or move in opposite directions, is a logical and moral absurdity . . . a meaningless illusion that must sow confusion, dishonesty and chaos.

"Unity yes, pluralism, no," he said.

Schochet described the "screaming headlines" about the "survival of Judaism" as "outrageous red herrings for purely propaganda and publicity reasons.

"If we leave God or Torah out of the picture, what are we preserving? What is it that we would like to save? Outside of God and Torah there is no intrinsic value to Judaism.

"To compromise Jewish law and tradition for the sake of 'saving Jews' and 'preserving Judaism' is a logical absurdity, the proverbial square circle."

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...but not on Yom Kippur

Yes, take me out to the ball game

NEW YORK (JTA) —

This Yom Kippur, some Jews may have been contemplating not only their own misdeeds, but also one they consider to have been committed by the commissioner of baseball. The beloved New York Mets were scheduled to play one, perhaps two National League playoff games in the world's largest community of Jews on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar (CJN Oct. 9).

Although the decisions in years past by Hall of Famers Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax not to play important baseball games on Yom Kippur won universal respect, some Jewish Met fans no doubt felt a bit torn, if not angry.

Yet, Jewish agencies decided not to go to bat for them.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, urged Jewish baseball fans to follow Greenberg's example and place the sanctity of Yom Kippur above that of baseball.

"The scheduling this year is unfortunate, but as Jews we have no right to impose our religious calendar on the rest of the country," he said.

Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said Jews can't demand rescheduling because the Mets are "a private enterprise." He said Jewish baseball fans "will know what to do" about this dilemma.

The American Jewish Committee's executive vice president, Dr. David Gordis, last month urged in response to a reporter's question that the games be rescheduled. But he said he doubted AJCommittee would deal with the issue any further, explaining it wasn't important enough and the scheduling was only an inconvenience that likely was unintentional.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York also took no position, contending, "baseball is separated from religious life," according to Michael Miller, executive director.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, president of the (Conservative) Rabbinical Assembly cautioned "this is not one of the great issues of our time."

The so-called offensive playoff schedule was the creation of baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth's office, according to a spokesman, Richard Levin.

"Unfortunately this year Yom Kippur came in the middle" of the playoffs, he said. "We really regret it." Once the commissioner's office realized the conflict, it unsuccessfully tried to alter the schedule, Levin said.

While the commissioner was unable to do so, New York Times sports columnist George Vecsey predicted a divine solution: torrential rain throughout Yom Kippur, preventing any baseball game.

(Because The CJN went to press before Yom Kippur, we don't know whether there was divine intervention.)

Shlomo Glickstein

Israel's national tennis team moves to Davis Cup final

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Israel's national tennis team defeated host Switzerland 4-1 in the Davis Cup European Zone B final last week, moving Israel for the first time into the 16-nation final round of competition for the following year's cup.

Most of the matches in the surprise victory were lengthy and hard fought. Israeli veteran Shlomo Glickstein defeated Roland Stadler 4-6, 6-8, 8-6, 6-1, 4-3 (retired) when Stadler dove and broke a leg.

Then Amos Mansdorf defeated Jakob Hlasek 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 12-10. In doubles action, Hlasek and Markus Gundhardt beat Glickstein and Shahar Perkiss 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Israel clinched the best-of-five match competition with Glickstein's victory over Hlasek 6-3, 1-6, 8-6, 10-12, 11-9. In the final match, Mansdorf defeated Gundhardt 7-5, 6-3.

The competition was held several days before Rosh Hashanah after being rescheduled so as not to conflict with the Jewish holiday. The Israel Tennis Association paid $15,000 to the Swiss to make up for the resulting lost revenue.

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ATHENS (JTA) —

Israel's Hapoel Tel Aviv basketball team defeated Greece's Apolon Patra 88-71 recently to win the Korach Cup.

Playing before 1,500 spectators, the Israeli team was never really threatened. The Greek team included no foreign players, while Hapoel Tel Aviv, like all top Israeli teams, fielded two Americans.

Abuse, neglect linked to most sports injuries

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Dr. Morton Bloomberg summed up the issue succinctly at the 5th annual Joe Caplan Sports Medicine Symposium held at the Snowdon Y here recently.

The cause of almost all types of athletic and sports injuries he said, is the result of "abuse and neglect."

Bloomberg, a lifelong athlete who is one of Montreal's best known chiropractors, specializes in back ailments and sports injuries, and is also a marathoner.

He shared the podium with 40-year-old Amby Burfoot, a wry and witty marathoner who also happens to be executive editor of Runner's World, North America's foremost publication for the aerobically obsessed.

It is "eagerness transcending common sense" that plays the biggest part in taking athletes right off their feet, Bloomberg said.

Even the most dedicated athlete is often his or her own worst enemy, not allowing enough proper warm-up time to "switch on" the muscles, and neglecting the most important way to avoid injury — stretching properly.

A lot of experienced runners, he said, stretch with a "bouncing" motion that is useless. Proper technique entails holding a stretched position a minimum of 40 seconds to glean proper effect.

Proper stretching is the surest way to avoid the most common athletic injuries, such as those to the Achilles' tendon and hamstrings.

A commonly held view, Bloomberg said, is that exercises like running enhance flexibility. The exact opposite is the case: muscles tighten easily after a jaunt in the park. That's what makes stretching as important following a run as before it.

There are three basic components to exercise: flexibility, strength, and endurance, all of which share equal importance in structuring a "balanced" program.

Injuries, which even with the most prudent preparation are inevitable, are easily recognizable by discoloration, swelling, heat, or pain.

The "antidote" is the "rice" rule of thumb: rest, ice, compression, and elevation.

The best way to prevent back injuries, advises Bloomberg, is through a personalized exercise program and maintaining good posture. Most back injuries are due to compressions of the vertical discs between the vertebrae or misalignment of the spinal column.

Proper athletic shoes are another way to avoid back and knee problems. The latest shoes have sophisticated state-of-the-art designs with good arch support and shock absorption.

Tennis elbows and inflamed rotator cuffs of the shoulder call for complete rest and the application of ice.

Endurance athletes need "high octane fuel for a high-compression engine." That means complex carbohydrates and low fat diets.

But as important as all this is, said Bloomberg, good nutrition and proper weight maintenance are equally vital.

Weight is also a function of how hard your heart will have to work. "Dieting doesn't work," Bloomberg said, but a combination of fundamental changes in diet with exercise does. Stress tests and bi-annual exams to check blood cholesterol counts are also necessary components to good health and fitness.

By the time Burfoot got to the microphone, there was little left to be said, which Burfoot himself pointed out.

The overall tone of Burfoot's address reflected his credo that exercise, even long distance running, should not be an obsessive undertaking, but a habit approached in a relaxed and enjoyable manner.

Boxer Stein joins the Hall of Fame

TORONTO —

The Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame recently inducted amateur heavyweight boxing champion (1935-37) Lennie Stein into its Hall of Fame at a dinner at the Royal York Hotel.

Stein, whose real name is Leon Slan, was chosen by the Hall's selection committee for his distinguished record.

Stein, amateur heavyweight champ of the early 30s, retired almost 50 years ago with an impressive 34 wins (22 by KO) and six losses.

John Buckley, Jack Sharkey's manager, wanted Stein to turn pro under his management, but Stein was supporting his mother at the time and boxing wasn't then the lucrative sport it is today.

Stein won the Canadian Army Heavyweight Championship in 1942 as a member of Queen's Own Rifles.

In 1946, Stein began Dominion Luggage, a successful manufacturer of luggage, with brothers Jack and Robert. It was later sold to a large conglomerate in 1972.

Now at age 70, he is retired but active in charities which include the Baycrest Centre and the Conacher Cancer Research Fund.

Stein was inducted by his contemporary pro welterweight Sammy Luftspring.

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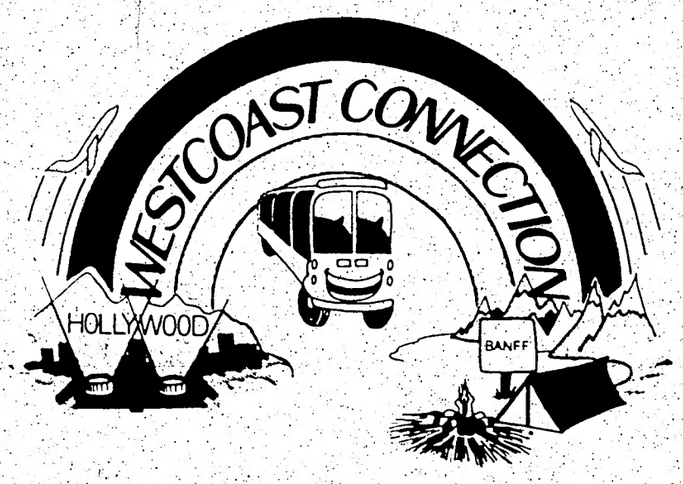

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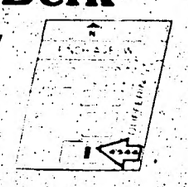

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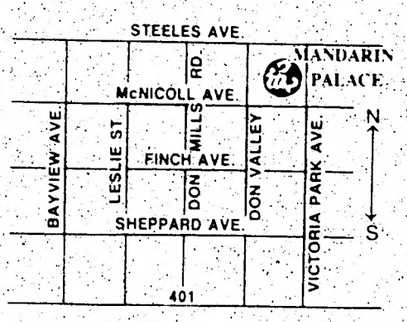

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Fashion

Discovers raku

Designer's belts showcase clothes

By
MOURA WOLPERT

DUNDAS, Ont. —

For Carol Rossman, clothes are the accessory and the belt is the showpiece.

Indeed, clothes serve as a mere backdrop to her dramatic ceramic and leather belts and for this award-winning Dundas potter it's never a question of what dress to put on but deciding which belt to wear with it.

Until she discovered the ancient Japanese art of raku — a low-firing process originally developed for making the bowls used in the Japanese tea ceremony — Rossman was a strictly functional potter. But the raku "brought out an artistic side" she hadn't realized she had and about five years ago she began making plates.

"I wanted to wear my art . . . but you can't wear plates," she laughs. And that's how the belts got started. They're her "wearable art."

"It took me a long time before I was willing to part with anything," she confesses but friends and family "pushed" and with the encouragement of Shirley Ann Larman of Adornments in Toronto, "who carried my pieces for quite a while," she began selling to boutiques and galleries in Toronto, Oakville, Burlington and Hamilton.

"The charm of raku lies in its wonderful accidents," explains Rossman in a printed description of the process. "Irregularities in form, runny, uneven quality of glazes, flashes of

Colors change

unexpected color, crakling of glazes into varieties of patterns, tong marks in the glazes, miraculous halos in the smoked clay around the glazed areas."

The results are wonderfully "iridescent, opalescent" pieces, never two the same, and "with colors that change with what you wear and with the lighting."

They come on soft leather sashes made specially for Rossman and one advantage is that the sash can be changed to go with different clothes.

She has exhibited her work at a couple of local galleries and juried shows sponsored by the Hamilton and Region Arts Council and by the Potters Guild of Hamilton and Region. Last fall, her belts won her the Dofasco award of merit at the Potters Guild show and sale.

Trained at Mohawk College and the Dundas Valley School of Art, Rossman so far remains a part-time potter working out of her home — besides being a busy doctor's wife and mother of two, and holding down another, very different part-time job at St. Joseph's Hospital here: a biology graduate, she also works as a cell biologist doing lung research!

The belts, each in its own, specially made pouch, sell for anywhere between $110 and $250, in Toronto at A Show of Hands, 1947 Avenue Rd. and at the Village Shop in Hazelton Lanes; Bruel in Oakville, the Osyter Boutique in Burlington and at the Picture Place Gallery in Jackson Square, Hamilton.

Lisa Lacroix wears soft, silken tresses, shaping the perfect feminine counterpoint to the hard-edge chic of the fall fashion current. Ron Fava of Jason Kearns Hair Toronto, introduces the moulding of waves to straight hair, long or short. (Linda Corbett photo)

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Arts

Representing Israel at the International Federation of Actors Women's Conference were (from left) Gila Almagor, Moscu Alkala, Yitzhak Baraket and Ori Levy.

Problems of women performers aired

Israeli actors at conference

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —
Four major Israeli actors represented Israel at the International Federation of Actors (FIA)'s 1st International Women's Conference held here at the Sheraton Plazza 500 Hotel last month.

The conference hosted by Canada's three performance unions-Actor's Equity, AFTRA and Union des Artistes, was convened to discuss the problems of women in the performing arts and then present resolutions to the federation's executive board.

Yitzak Baraket, Ori Levy, Gila Almagor and Moscu Alkala of Israel joined delegates from 20 countries including Canada, among whose delegates were Dahne Goldrick, Linda Kupeck and Louise Marleau.

The conference addressed a litany of concerns affecting the work and life of women performers including child care for women in rehearsal and performance, voice-over work on commercials where the belief is that the male voice is the only authoritative voice, the lack of good parts for women over 40, the abuse of power by casting directors and producers in auditions and performances of "delicate" scenes, and pornography.

"We can take pride in a series of achievements," said Almagor in her opening remarks. "The idea of full equality of the sexes was fully expressed even before the State of Israel was established.

"Though there was a regression after the formation of the state due to the wars and other factors, in the last 15 years there has been a reawakening due to the emancipation of women in Europe and the U.S., she said.

"Now the number of women that manage theatres in Israel is at least equal to the men. There is complete equality of pay because the key is artistic level with no sex differences," Almagor added.

There was a pleasant surprise for the Israeli delegation when Hanna Maron, another Israeli star, who was in Vancouver for other reasons, heard about the conference and dropped by.

"In Israel," Maron said, "there are always problems. The fact that there isn't any child care for women in rehearsal is a universal problem for all women workers. But most of the problems enumerated at this conference are non-existent any more in Israel. In general it's a good country to be an actress in."

The lack of good scripts with good parts for women especially for those over 40 was a grave concern to the delegates. Levy stressed that "in most plays there are seven male parts for every two or three parts for women."

And the remedy, he said, "was not switching gender like having women play the leads in The Odd Couple."

The conference was impressed with the Israeli policy regarding "delicate" scenes and voted to study it. Israeli actors now have the right to clear the set and have a union representative present when a nude scene is filmed.

They also can refuse to perform such a scene when it has been altered from the original script presented to the actor in advance of signing the contract.

TA museum looks for Canadian pictures

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The director of external affairs of Tel Aviv's Museum of the Jewish Diaspora (Beth Hatefutsoth) is asking Canadian Jews to contribute to a photographic archive of Diaspora Jewry.

Miriam Ben-Haim wants pictures of Canadian Jewish institutions to supplement a pictorial archive of world Jewry, located at the museum which opened in 1978 but has already become Israel's leading tourist attraction.

Ben-Haim said the museum is also looking to acquire studies, artifacts, monographs, films, videotapes or biographies for its central archival bank, which stores knowledge on over 2,500 years of Jewish dispersion.

In a recent Toronto stopover, Ben-Haim said the museum's archives consist not only of photographs but also of dioramas, films, books, tapes and a computer that can analyze the origins of Jewish surnames.

"We're building up a visual archive by collecting evidence of Jewish life," Ben-Haim told The CJN. "We're trying to conserve the Jewish past and to educate future generations."

Located on the campus of Tel Aviv University (although not part of the university), the museum annually draws over 400,000 visitors, she explained.

When former British Columbia premier Dave Barrett visited the museum just after being elected, "he nearly fell off his chair" when he asked the central computer to call up the name of his province, and the computer knew he was BC's first Jewish premier, Ben-Haim recalled.

The museum's permanent exhibit details the history of the Jewish Diaspora from the Babylonian exile to the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. Temporary displays consist of wall-sized photographs, resulting from the museum's popular annual worldwide photo contest, called Jewish Heritage and the Eye of the Camera.

But another purpose to Ben-Haim's trip here was to kindle interest in an exhibit that will travel to Canada next year.

Entitled Return to Life, the exhibition will chronicle in photographs and slides the plight of Holocaust survivors in the years immediately following World War II, when most were put in Displaced Persons camps.

"Many works were collected in concentration camps during the war," said Ben-Haim, "but no one thought of what would happen to the survivors in those crucial years from 1945 to 1950. We thought it should be recorded."

The photographs were exhibited at the museum during last year's marking of the 40th anniversary of the Allied liberation of the camps, and they met with rave success.

In February, the show will travel to Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Centre and in April, it will be displayed at the Koffler Gallery in Toronto for three weeks.

"It will be a visual documentary of life in the DP camps. These were the same camps that had been death camps during the war. After the liberations, people got married, had babies and went to school, all in the same place that only a few months earlier had been a death camp," Ben-Haim said.

The 40-odd photos will be accompanied by newsreel footage of the camps' liberations and the expulsion to Cyprus, where once again, Jews were placed behind barbed wire, but this time by the British. Also displayed will be objects such as a diploma from an ORT school that had been located at Bergen-Belsen.

The Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth is co-chaired nationally by Mrs. Charles Bronfman of Montreal and by Sol Kanee of Winnipeg.

For more information on the Friends or the exhibit, call the chairman of the Toronto chapter, Sharon Zuckerman, at (416) 486-0213 or the Canadian Friends office in Montreal at (514) 933-6919.

Happy Days turns into unhappy night for critic

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The scholarly school of drama critics keep telling me that the cryptic plays of Samuel Beckett, the 80-year-old Nobel Prize-winner, demand a great deal of attention from audiences.

God knows I've tried to pay attention in a vain effort to understand what he's driving at ever since I first saw his 1-act play, *Krapp's Last Tape*, performed at the Crest Theatre 30 years ago. That one is a very demanding monologue in which an old man eats bananas while he replays over and over on a tape recorder his senile babblings.

Well, I must confess that Beckett's demand on my attention span was too much in the Theatre Plus production of his 2-act play, *Happy Days*, which is playing until Nov. 8 at Toronto Free Theatre, 26 Berkeley St., 368-2856.

My patience simply gave up the ghost and I succumbed to snoozing by the end of the first act of this dreary and pretentious piece of drivel which I have privately retitled *Unhappy Night*.

The only happy thing in it is the superb acting skill of Martha Henry, Canada's reigning first lady of the theatre, whose talents have been wasted here appallingly.

She strives valiantly to liven up this static, verbose charade masquerading as a play, but the plot, if so it might be called, is too much even for her.

Essentially, it's one long whining soliloquy by a wife named Winnie buried in the sand who keeps bemoaning her marriage.

All we see of her husband Willie (played by Toronto actor Les Carlson) is the back of his bald pate covered by a straw hat.

He too, is buried in a sandpile, but his contribution to the dialogue is restricted pretty well to the occasional grunt in response to a newspaper he is reading.

I finally walked out in boredom when his wife interrupts her interminable jabbering to say accusingly to herself: "Stop talking, Winnie, and *do* something for a change!"

I made my exit, muttering to the kvetching chatterbox: "You said it Winnie!"

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Author escaped concentration camp

Survivor's story keeps Book Fair goers spellbound

By
— MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

For more than 30 minutes, Holocaust survivior and esteemed author of *Badenheim 1939*, Aharon Appelfeld captivated several hundred Jewish Book Fair goers with the story of his life and literature.

Appelfeld was born in 1932 in Czernovitz, Bukovina, (now in the USSR). His mother was killed by the Nazis, and at age 8 he was deported to a concentration camp.

He managed to escape and spent the next three years hiding in the Ukraine, eventually joining the Russian army.

After the war the author, (who recently published *To The Land of the Cattails)*, made his way to Italy and in 1946 arrived in Palestine. He now lives in Jerusalem and was recently awarded the Jerusalem Prize.

For the (10th annual) book fair audience, Appelfeld vividly distilled with brevity and understated emotion the experiences and influences which are at the heart of his writing.

At the outbreak of the war, Appelfeld said, he lived with his assimilated parents in a city of assimilated Jews who did not identify with Judaism: "For my generation, assimilation was no longer a quest but a way of life."

The Jews there considered themselves free from ancient restrictions and free to pursue the professions and cultural pursuits of the rest of the populace.

Judaism had no significant place, it was considered an anachronism. The assimilated Jew was a believer — in humanity, and progress, and beauty.

"That Jew could not imagine that such concepts could arouse hatred...he was blind to the demons around him."

For the children, he said, the suffering was experienced physically, but their parents also suffered emotionally because their entire world view was destroyed by the Nazi onslaught. Only the Judaism which they had denied remained.

It did not matter if you were a believer or not, he said, "the Jewish blood in your body condemned you."

Suddenly the assimilated Jew was pressed into a Kafkaesque world where reason no longer existed.

And though the children could not completely appreciate what their parents experienced, they internalized their parents' sense of pain and self-hatred.

That pain and disillusion still flows through us, he said.

After escape from the camps, he continued, the children would wander among the fields drawn by instinct. Their Jewishness was a source of danger, but also a source of security.

They learned Jewishness through their bodies — the target of all sorts of violent intentions — and all along they knew their Jewishness was to be kept a secret.

Even after rescue by the Soviets, said Appelfeld, those who survived were left with a legacy of distrust.

And when they came to Palestine, the survivors turned to studies, and business and entertainment — the attempt to give expression to their experiences seemed not only impossible but pretentious.

"But the desire to say something never left us even in our darkest moments," the writer said.

"Why did I turn to literature?" he asked. "To open the darkness in me, to say something of my experience."

And for Appelfeld help in that quest to give words to what he had seen and felt came from Kafka. *The Trial*, he told the audience, made him feel as if the great Czechoslovakian-Jewish author had been with those who experienced the Holocaust.

"Kafka exposed skepticism, but I felt he was looking for deep meaning." Reading Kafka, said Appelfeld, comforted him by making him feel as though he had not been alone in his experiences.

And if Kafka gave him his words, then it was Jewish mysticism in its chassidic form through Gershom Sholom and Martin Buber which "gave me essential concepts."

Appelfeld's most recent work, To The Cattails, seeks to convey the charged atmosphere prior to World War II. It is the story of an ominous trip taken by a Jewish woman and her son deep into the heart of Europe in 1938 and the tragedy that ensues.

Aharon Appelfeld

The Name of the Rose harsh on Catholic Church

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Like a painting by Brueghel, Jean-Jacques Annaud's film, *The Name of the Rose*, is rich in detail and texture.

Adapted from Umberto Eco's novel, this is an evocative period piece which encapsulates a lost world.

An English Francisan monk, William of Baskerville (Sean Connery), and his wide-eyed novice, Adso of Melk (Christian Slater), arrive at a northern Italian abbey in the winter of 1327.

The abbey is set on the edge of a bleak, snow-clad mountain range under a slate-gray sky. An air of menace pervades the towering stone structure, and William and Adso immediately feel it.

Something is terribly amiss. A young monk has fallen to his death from an open window, and the frightened abbot wonders whether he was murdered or committed suicide.

William, a reflective man, begins an investigation into the mystery. But as he delves deeper into the conundrum, more victims are found on the grounds.

William, a medieval version of Sherlock Holmes, eventually gets to the bottom of the rash of murders, but not before he is almost killed himself.

Sean Connery, who is best known for his dashing persona in the James Bond series of films, comes up with a wonderfully measured performance here.

He appears in every frame, save for the obligatory, though graphic, sex scene, and he never falters.

F. Murray Abraham, who was terrific as Salieri in *Amadeus*, is not given the opportunity to show off his talents. As a sadistic Inquisitor, Abraham is little more than a papier-mache figure indulging his mean-spirited instincts.

As can be imagined, The Name of the Rose is harsh on the Roman Catholic Church. The church is seen as a reactionary institution which pays lip service to poverty and blocks the advancement of new ideas. Its scheming, dishonest, narrow-minded, ignorant monks are viewed with only the greatest of disdain.

The Name of the Rose, which is often as powerful as a brooding Wagnerian opera, is as atmospheric as any movie you're likely to see, now or in the future.

Richly redolent of the times, it evokes the misery and, to some extent, the grandeur of 14th century Europe.

Now playing at the Eglinton, the film is bathed in a skepticism that leaves no stone unturned. When Adso asks whether "this is a place abandoned by God," the worldly William replies: "Have you ever known a place where God would have been at home?"

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Arts

A list of grand plans

Jewish music scene arouses pa sion in composer

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Now that Srul Irving Glick has retired after 23 years as a composer/producer of "serious" music for the CBC, he's got plenty of time and energy to think of what Toronto's Jewish music scene should have.

It's a subject that arouses a great deal of passion in Glick, one of Canada's foremost composers (or as the pundits like to say, *living* composers).

Glick, 52, has a list of grand plans for Jewish music in Toronto, to wit:
- a regular, perhaps annual, Jewish music concert series;
- a fulltime Jewish music school;
- increased funding of Jewish music by the community and through various government funding of the arts;
- more Yiddish music and perhaps a full-length Yiddish opera;
- and the teaching of Jewish music in regular Jewish day schools.

All in all, a tall order from a city already well steeped in Jewish culture. Sadly, however, Jewish music, Glick feels, has traditionally taken a back seat in the community.

Last March, Glick, the tall, bearded mainstay of Canadian Jewish music composition, left the CBC after nearly a quarter-century of writing music and producing other people's work. In this age of budget-slashing and fat-trimming, it's a rarity when someone leaves the beleaguered CBC instead of the other way around, but Glick says the move was needed to allow him more time for a heavy load of commissioned works and for reflection.

"If I did just two works a year at the CBC, I was lucky," the composer told The CJN in a recent chat. "Now, I'm going to increase my workload as much as I can," meaning as many as eight or 10 major pieces a year.

Just recently at the St. Lawrence Centre, Glick's *Dance Suite*, a work for two guitars, was performed by the classical guitar duo of Wilson/McAllister. Only two days before in New York, the piece made its world premiere.

Another world premiere, for a tenor/baritone and choir, called *Israel*, was heard at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue during the recent Slichot services. Based on the poem by Yitzchak Lamdam and commissioned by the synagogue, the work was performed by the Beth Tikvah choir, of which Glick has been director since 1969. "This is my chai year with the choir," he smiles. "We started out with 18 members. We now have 35, of whom 10 are still originals."

Glick, the son of a cantor, is unique in Canadian Jewish music: he's the only composer-in-residence at a synagogue (Beth Tikvah) in the country and just one of two in the world (there's one in Los Angeles).

"The Beth Tikvah is one of the most forward looking synagogues in the world. We are creating new music, new choral styles, all the time. I get annually commissioned works and commissions from individual members for weddings and bar mitzvahs." Last year, the shul won the coveted Solomon Schechter International Award for best annual music program in a synagogue.

With four Grand Prix du Disque awards and a Juno for production under his belt, Glick can now turn to producing his own work. He's currently finishing a work for violin and orchestra, to be performed in a Montreal competition next summer and a multi-record anthology of his work is scheduled for release soon by CBC Radio International.

Late last month, Glick was in Washington for a performance by the Washington Ensemble and Cantor Jerome Barry of his *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, a cycle of songs set to poems written by children in the Terezin concentration camp.

And by now, Glick's *Suite Hebraiques* (numbers 1 through 6) are virtually standard fare for devotees of Jewish music.

Glick is almost gleefully looking forward to next March, when the San Antonio Choral Symphony will perform his *The Hour Has Come* with a 100-voice choir, in front of 3,000 conductors. The work, based on poems by Toronto writer Carole Leckner, will be conducted by Elmer Iseler, to whom it was dedicated. Later that month, it will be performed at Carnegie Hall. Many will remember the piece's premiere last year at Roy Thomson Hall by the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Mainly Mozart Orchestra.

Glick's a busy man alright but he wants people to know he's "available" for private lessons as well. He has two private students at the moment but there's room, he says, for five or six more. Clearly, he emphasizes Jewish music.

Srul Irving Glick

"I'm probably the only Jewish music teacher in Toronto," Glick boasts. The problem with Jewish music here, he contends, is simply a lack of demand.

"There isn't enough funding of Jewish music in Toronto. The music committee of Canadian Jewish Congress commissions one piece a year.

"We have a unique situation in Toronto, where there is a number of highly developed composers. You've got Ben Steinberg and Harry Freedman and also a growing number of young composers, like Sid Robinovitch, Ted Labow and Michelle Green. But the whole area is just not being developed. As far as I know, there are only two composers writing for synagogues in Canada: me and Ben Steinberg (of Temple Sinai).

"The most active places in North America for Jewish music," Glick says, "are New York and Toronto. We have a creative base here but we should be doing more.

"We should be teaching Jewish music in schools... we should have more Jewish music that is Yiddish music. The history of Jewish music is fascinating. It should be taught! We should be doing Yiddish opera. I'd like to see a Jewish music concert series. I'd be happy to do it. If anyone wants help, they can call me.

"Now is the time to make Toronto a creative, active centre for Jewish music. I think it's possible for us to go all the way."

Call Srul Glick at 925-8249 or 962-5698

MusicFest gets GM as sponsor

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —
MusicFest Canada 87 is a national student jazz band competition in which some of the professional jazz musicians of tomorrow will be judged by some of today's leading pros.

The finals of MusicFest will be held at the Ottawa Congress Centre, May 13-17 following a school year of regional competition across the country.

This year, MusicFest's financial viability will be assured by the corporate sponsorship of General Motors of Canada.

GM vice-president Dugald Stirling made the official announcement at a Roy Thomson Hall press conference at which were present musicians Moe Koffman and Phil Nimmons and which was hosted by Edmonton variety show producer and host Tommy Banks.

A film was shown of one of the winning bands in this year's finals: Handsworth High School in North Vancouver, with a 15-piece ensemble which presented sophisticated fusion of Puerto Rican salsa style rhythm and imaginatively orchestrated brass riffs.

There is little doubt that the media exposure from performing in such a band, especially this coming season, thanks to the GM sponsorship, will augur well for future professional musical careers.

There will be 75 regional competitions which will determine who will be invited (all expenses paid) to MusicFest 87 in Ottawa. Over and above a core commitment of over $25,000, GM is funding a group of six cash scholarships totaling $21,000 annually.

In the last MusicFest earlier this year in Vancouver, the adjudicators for the finals included jazz vibraphonist, Gary Burton, Toronto jazz saxophonist and frequent partner of Elvin Jones, Pat LaBarbera, and top jazz teacher and composer Ken Kraintz. There is much reason to believe that the Ottawa lineup in May will be even more impressive.

Like the last MusicFest, there will be an international division open to competing bands from all over the world, sponsored by the American jazz publication, Down Beat, and coordinated by Salt Lake City's Heritage Festivals.

Performing talent will include big bands, small jazz combos, Dixieland combos, vocal jazz choirs and combos, as well as the large concert bands and for the first time, concert choirs.

Concert appearances by leading jazz performers during the evenings are also likely.

For those in the Toronto area interested in entering MusicFest, write (after Oct. 20) to MusicFest Canada, 11 Progress Ave., Suite 205, Scarborough, or call 292-6009 or 292-7035. As regional competitions will begin rather soon, serious entrants are advised not to delay.

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Douglas, Lancaster produce laughs galore in Tough Guys

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

One good solid belly laugh is a pearl beyond compare in these mirthless days.

Consequently to find at least 10 of them in a single movie is a true bonanza — like discovering a treasure buried in your own backyard.

That's why *Tough Guys* (at the Hollywood Theatre), a dippy, oldfashioned film comedy of the kind they rarely make any more, is something to be cherished.

Except for the weak ending, it's one long hoot of laughs, starring Kirk Douglas and Burt Lancaster as a pair of notorious train robbers who are released from the slammer after 30 years of imprisonment.

The boffo laughs arise one after the other based on the bewilderment of these grizzled ex-cons as they try to adjust to the go-go-go, rock-rock-rock, jog-jog-jog lifestyle in the fast lane of Los Angeles in the 1980s.

The pair of paroled tough guys try desperately to walk in the straight and narrow. But after suffering the humiliation of put-downs from slobs in modern society, they return to the pilfering profession they know best.

Their last uproarious caper involves the theft of the oil-burning locomotive (scheduled for its final run) which put them in the clink three decades ago.

Douglas and Lancaster may not be as virile as they were 40 years ago when teaming up to shoot it out in *Gunfight at the OK Corral*. But as senior citizens spoofing the bang-bang stuff of yesteryear they make a very funny duo of clownish geezers.

Kirk Douglas, as a retired train robber in his 60s trying to make the scene at a disco, is quite funny in Tough Guys, co-starring Burt Lancaster.

Minimalist composer

Glass to appear in concert

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

American composer Philip Glass will appear in concert with his orchestral ensemble at Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 31.

Glass emerged from the minimalist movement of the late 1960s — a movement that began by rejecting the serial non-tonal movement that had ruled 20th century music since the days of Arnold Schoenberg.

Minimalism can be best defined by the repetition of brief tonal phrases with gradual evolutions to change through such repetitions. Other prominent minimalists have included Steve Reich, Morton Feldman and on a more jazz-pop basis, the late 1960s songs of James Brown.

The Baltimore-born Glass attended Juilliard and then studied with Nadia Boulanger in Paris, where he met and became highly influenced by India's Ravi Shanker. Shanker came to Paris to make a film, and Glass was hired to transcribe Shankar's classical Indian music so that French studio musicians could read it.

From Shankar, Glass first adapted the system of repeated phrases. Returning to the U.S. in the late 1960s, he began a series of experimental works, culminating in 1976 with Einstein on the Beach, an opera he created in collaboration with Robert Wilson.

Since Einstein, which was premiered in New York in 1976 and in Toronto shortly afterwards, Glass has concentrated on big operas (Satyagraha, based on Gandhi's non-violent resistance, Aknaten, The Civil Wars, and the just-completed The Making of the Representative for Planet B, which will have its premiere in Amsterdam next spring.

Other recent Glass works include Dancer's Notebook, commissioned by Twyla Tharp; A Descent into the Maelstrom, based on Edgar Allen Poe's sci-fi short story; and music for the films Koyaanisquatsi and Mishima.

Philip Glass

The Philip Glass Ensemble began in the late 1960s and over the years it has included important names in avant-garde music, many of whom have gone on to important careers as solo performers. Today's Glass Ensemble includes Martin Goldray, Jack Kripl, Dora Ohrenstein and Michael Riesman.

For further information, call Roy Thomson Hall at 593-4822.

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The last survivor of the big band swing era, Woody Herman, will appear with his latest Thundering Herd at Roy Thomson Hall on Oct. 19.

Herman remains popular because he is constantly using consecutive generations of big band jazz musicians. Not only is a stint with his large band the ideal form of training for aspiring musicians, but, conversely, the new youth influences constantly keep his sound fresh and exciting.

As a result, Herman's sound is always a fascinating fusion of big band tradition with contemporary harmonies, and especially rhythms.

For further details call Roy Thomson Hall.

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A near capacity audience at MacMillan Theatre was charmed by Emmerich Kalman's frothy, delightfully old-fashioned Countess of Maritza presented by the Toronto Operetta Society.

While Kalman's score is for the most part vintage Viennese, there are segments, especially the opening theme, which have unmistakingly, Jewish liturgical influences.

Of the cast, capably directed by Joel Greenberg, the brightest star was the male lead Michael Burgess who combined operatic flair with modest, matter-of-fact stage demeanor. Ruby Mercer was refreshingly humorous in her non-singing role of the eccentric wealthy aunt who solves all at the end.

But soprano Janet Coates as the Countess lacked the worldly charisma-sage presence which her role demanded. Just a little bit of emulation of Joan Collins would have been called for here.

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Arts

Francis attacks "paper entrepreneurship"

Canada's richest families seen in revealing sketches

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Controlling Interest: Who Owns Canada? By Diane Francis, Macmillan, $24.95.

Five conglomerates, along with three dozen or so wealthy families, control one-third of Canada's non-financial assets. Their combined earnings last year came to $123 billion, a sum far greater than the federal government's income of about $80 million.

The thesis of this eye-opening book by Diane Francis — well known Toronto Star columnist, broadcaster and astute observer of the business world — is that this degree of economic concentration is a tragedy for Canadians. It means that goods and services are more expensive, the opportunity for jobs lessened and the entire democratic process threatened.

What she terms "paper entrepreneurship," now widely practiced by many corporations, is synonymous with business takeovers and the buying, combining or selling of assets. Such dealings do not produce wealth or add to the country's economic growth. They move the existing assets from one company or corporation to another — the economic pie is not enlarged, it is merely divided differently.

The heart of the book is devoted to brief, revealing sketches of 32 wealthy families. This material is anecdotal, gossipy, and replete with human interest.

Charles and Edgar Bronfman own large portions of Toronto commercial landmarks such as the Toronto-Dominion Centre, the Eaton Centre, Cedarbrae Plaza, half of Fairview Mall, and Warden Woods. In retail space alone, they control about 750,000 square metres (8 million square feet), equivalent to nearly 300 football fields.

The richest Canadian is K. C. Irving who with assets of over $8 billion largely controls the province of New Brunswick. The Ghermezian brothers married four beautiful brides who were chosen by their mother in Iran and brought back to Canada.

When Wilf Posluns was suspended by the Toronto Stock Exchange in 1961 he spent $250,000 to fight the case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. "Being Jewish, I was sensitive to the discrimination that existed heavily in the securities business. The TSE was a private club: Jewish people weren't even allowed to have a seat on the exchange in those days, or join fancy stockbrokers or law firms," he told Francis.

As a result of his efforts the "private club" nature of the exchange was ended.

Among the six richest families in Canada are the Reichmanns. They allow no work on their mammoth building projects on the Jewish Sabbath. When winter darkness fell early, the 10,000 New York City construction workers building Olympia's Battery Park complex left the massive job site at 2 p.m. every Friday so that they would have sufficient time to get home before Sabbath began at sundown.

The author is lost in admiration for the Reichmanns who are described as devout and admirable workaholics. "They are the new Rothschilds, made in Canada: an empire to last."

The author's suggestions for altering the existing concentration of economic power include more effective anti-trust laws; changes in regulations regarding securities, banking and taxation; the breaking up of newspaper and broadcasting monopolies, and the introduction of a lobbyist registry and guidelines regarding lobbying activities to ensure that "economic power cannot buy political power."

In recent years, the world of business has become a source of fascination for an increasing number of people who avidly follow the exploits of the rich and super-rich. This book will add to their interest and knowledge.

Also a "Mrs. Quack"

Star at one with Anne Frank

By FRANK RASKY

Joanna Schellenberg

TORONTO —

"In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

It is almost 40 years since that sentence of shining hope — originally scrawled by a 13-year-old girl in a red-checkered, cloth-covered diary — was first published in a Dutch-language book.

Since then *The Diary of Anne Frank*, the true account of how the girl and seven other Jews hid in a cramped attic for two years to escape the Gestapo, has become one of the most unforgettable documents of the 20th century.

The book has been translated into 53 languages and has sold more than 10 million copies around the world.

It was converted into a 1955 Broadway play, which won the Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics' Award, and won instant stardom for 17-year-old Susan Strasberg for her performance of "exaltation and beauty."

It was made into a 1959 movie directed by George Stevens, which was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won an Oscar for Shelley Winters as the earthy mother of the 16-year-old boy who courts the adolescent Anne.

And that sentence, expressing unshakable faith in humanity in the face of all odds, will once again be spoken at the very beginning of the play, directed by Richard Greenblatt and starring Joanne Schellenberg, which opens this week at the Young People's Theatre for a month-long run until Nov. 16.

In a CJN interview last week, I asked 13-year-old Joanne, the same age as Anne when she began writing the diary: "What makes this drama so imperishable? Why has it survived so long?"

Joanna, an exceptionally precocious girl, replied thoughtfully:

"Because it's a combination of two stories that touch the heart. One is the sad story of the Holocaust. The other is the universal story of adolescence.

"But it's not all gloom and doom. It's an uplifting story, because it tells how a very bright girl, on the threshold of life, meets tragedy with a lot of spunk and humor and defiance. She simply refuses to be defeated."

Like Anne, Joanna clearly has some mature ideas rattling around in her busy head.

Rave reviews

A stage performer since the age of 5, with alert brown eyes, bobbed fair hair, and a pert oval face, she is an accomplished actress. She won rave reviews for playing The Intrepid Shapiro in Mordecai Richler's *Jacob Two Two* two years ago and a Dora nomination last season for her stunning portrayal of the deaf-mute Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*.

She believes that she and the adolescent she portrays in her current role have at least two things in common.

The script indicates that Anne is a chatterbox who was so compulsive a talker at school that she was nicknamed Mrs. Quack. "Like Anne, I can talk the head off a mule," says Joanna.

Anne is also depicted as a talented, ambitious and brainy girl who confides: "I'm going to be remarkable some day. I'm going to be a famous dancer or singer — or something wonderful."

"I'm not brilliant, but I'm pretty smart and I'm very ambitious," says Joanna.

She has performed in TV commercials since she was 8, when she declared rapturously on behalf of Fleecy detergent, "Oh, what a nice-smelling towel!"

She plays clarinet in the school band at Toronto's Glen Ames Junior High.

As an 11-year-old, she played the lead singing role of Maria in *The Sound Of Music* at Williamson Road Public School, and hopes to sing with the Children's Canadian Opera Company this season.

And she will be seen this fall in the CBC production *A Tramp At The Door*, a made-for-TV film drama in which she co-stars with her actor father, August Schellenberg.

She says she has received nothing but encouragement from her Winnipeg-born mother, who is also an actress performing under her maiden name of Joan Karasevich.

"Mom is not one of those pushy stage mothers," says Joanna. "But she's taught me to be a 'go for it' person when you have the opportunity to get a great stage role."

She considers Anne Frank a classic role, which like all great roles helps reshape the thinking of a performer.

Joanna, who also studies piano and does some composing, was so touched by the Anne Frank tragedy that she composed a lyric poem about the destructiveness of war titled *When The Sun Doesn't Shine*.

She agrees with the forward to *The Diary of Anne Frank*, written so movingly by the drama critic Brooks Atkinson.

He wrote that none of the statistics related to the abomination of the Nazis is so accusing as this diary scrawled by an enchanting girl with lively eyes and a sweet mouth.

"It reminds us that the Nazis murdered not only lives but life," wrote Atkinson. "They murdered a radiant part of the future."

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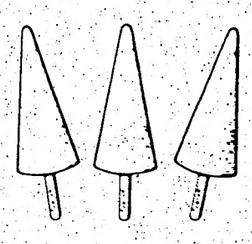

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Bau-Xi Gallery: New paintings by Telford Fenton, to Oct. 18; hand-colored woodcuts by Claude Breeze, Oct. 21-Nov. 8. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

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Glass Art Gallery: Crystal sculpture and glass lamp work by four artists to Oct. 25. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Glendon Gallery: *Of Unknown Origins*, recent works by Kim Moodie, to Nov. 9. 2275 Bayview Ave., 487-6206.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: *Another Prairies*, A group exhibit by seven Western Canadian artists, to Oct. 26; an installation by Andrew Dutkewych in the Sculpture Court to Nov. 30; *Reconstructions*, a show by Fern Helfand in the photography gallery, to Nov. 2. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: Watercolors of the west coast by Harry Heine; paintings and watercolors by Len Gibbs. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

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Interference Hologram Gallery: Holographic furniture by Tom Cvetcovich, to Oct. 25. 1179A King St. W., 535-2323.

Isaacs Gallery: *Stuffed Chairs:* Paintings by Gathie Falk, to Oct. 24. 832 Yonge St. 923-7301.

Jane Corkin Gallery: Recent photographs by Carol Marino to Oct. 31. 179 John St. 979-1980.

John B. Aird Gallery: The annual juried exhibit of 60 works by the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolor, to Nov. 1. 900 Bay St. 965-4706.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Portraits by Aba Bayefsky, to Nov. 6; *Bridgit*, a sculpture installation by Alex de Cosson, to Nov. 10. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Karney-Daniels Gallery: A mixed-media group show by five artists, to Oct. 25. 11 Yorkville Ave. 964-1122.

Koffler Gallery: Art by 10 Canadian artists and photographers, inspired by a recent tour of Switzerland, to Nov. 21; current explorations in glass and enamel by three artists, to Nov. 21. 4588 Bathurst St. 636-1880.

Maison de la Culture: Paintings by Jean Benedek, to Oct. 29. 2275 Bayview Ave. 487-6730.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: New paintings by Malcolm Rains opens Oct. 18. 122 Scollard St. 961-4900.

Market Gallery: *For the Curious: The City's Archives Collection:* The best of Toronto's archives: paintings, photographs, maps records and other documents never before displayed, through October. 95 Front St. E., 392-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: *Masks to Maquettes*, symbolic masks and carved stone sculptures, organzied by the Six Nations Arts Council, to Oct. 26; works by Montreal artist Prudence Heward, to Nov. 16. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: Paintings by Richard Banks, to Nov. 1. 333 Adelaide W., 977-1412.

Mira Godard Gallery: Works on paper by Tony Calzetta to Oct. 22; *Bright Garden:* paintings and watercolors by David Milne, opens Oct. 18. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Nancy Poole's Studio: *Interiors/Exteriors:* oils by Isabel Kann, to Oct. 30. 16 Hazelton Ave., 964-9050.

Olga Korper Gallery: New paintings by Leopold Plotek, to Oct. 29. 80 Spadina Ave. 363-5268.

Ontario Crafts Council: An exhibit of masks by Rae Anderson, to Nov. 2. 346 Dundas St. W. 977-3551.

Partisan Gallery: Photomontage posters by Christer Temptander and photographs by Michael Emre, to Oct. 26. 1140 Queen St. W. 532-9681.

Pottery Shop: Porcelain by Ontario potter Harlan House, to Oct. 31. 140 Yorkville Ave. 923-1803.

Quan-Schieder Gallery: Landscapes on canvas by Philip Craig opens Oct. 18. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Rapid-Grafic Gallery: Computer generated art by Frederic Voisin to Oct. 31. 134 Peter St., 598-2408.

Royal Ontario Museum: On Oct. 25, a new permanent gallery — Later Imperial China — opens at the ROM, tracing the development of Chinese culture and society from the 10th to the 19th centuries. Related programs include music, dance, lectures and films; major exhibits include Canada's Handwoven Heritage, a collection of 19th and 20th century Canadian handweaving, to next January; Silver From the Growing Collections, an exhibit of 40 silver pieces, to Oct. 19; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery to December. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

S.L. Simpson Gallery: New paintings by Carol Wainio opens Oct. 17. 515 Queen St. W., 362-3738.

Sable-Castelli Gallery: Paintings by Tim Zuck opens Oct. 18. 33 Hazelton Ave., 961-0011.

Sheraton Centre: Oils and watercolors by Manfred Heine-Baux, Oct. 29-Nov. 2. 123 Queen St. W. in the Dufferin and Simcoe Rooms.

Studio Raab: Bronze sculptures and interior designs by Ernie Raab. 11 Bentworth Ave., 785-3417.

Toronto Sculpture Garden: A major new work by Stacey Spiegel through next April. 115 King St. E. 485-9658.

Waddington & Shiell Gallery: New paintings and ceramics by John Hoyland to Nov. 5. 33 Hazelton Ave. 925-2461.

Wynick/Tuck Gallery: New paintings and works on paper by John Clark to Nov. 5. 80 Spadina. 364-8716.

Yaneff Gallery: Landscapes in watercolor by Conyers Barker, to Oct. 31. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: Sculpture by Noel Harding, to Nov. 15. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

York University Art Gallery: Selected sculptures, mixed media and performance artists by the faculty's fine arts department opens Oct. 16. Ross Bldg. room N-145, 4700 Keele St., 667-3441.

YYZ: *Momentos*, an installation by Gordon Lebredt, to Nov. 1. 116 Spadina Ave., 367-0601.

Greta Hall (left) and Rachel Aronov, members of the Joseph and Minnie Wagman Centre mural painting group, at the unveiling of the 8-by-6-foot oil-painted mural.

Seniors work two years to make Wagman mural

TORONTO —

More than 30 seniors worked for two years to create an 8 by 6 ft. mural unveiled recently at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

The colorful, oil-painted mural, entitled "The Wagman Centre at a Glance," depicts the variety of activities available at the cultural and recreational centre, one of five facilities of Bayerest Centre for Geriatric Care.

A New Horizons grant from Health and Welfare Canada provided funding for materials as well as a consulting artist who taught drawing and painting techniques to mural group members.

"I'm going to miss working on the mural and I'll also miss the companionship of the other people," says group member Kathleen Gold.

"We met almost every Monday afternoon for two years and often two of us worked together on the same panel," Gold said.

"We really learned to work together and I enjoyed that."

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By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK — If New York is on your fall agenda, for a quickie visit or a longer stay, then a kaleidoscope of attractions awaits you in this city.

The city's Jewish Heritage Festival will be held on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 9, 10, at the Seventh Regiment Armory (Park Ave. and 67th St.).

Open to the public, the festival will have exhibits by publishers, talks, and autographing by authors. Judaic manuscripts from the archives of YIVO and the Jewish Theological Seminary will be on display. There will also be dance performances. For information call (212) 751-8880.

Israel's most celebrated contemporary poet, Yehuda Amichai, will be reading from his poems at the 92nd St. Y (427-6000) on Oct. 27. His readings will be translated into sign language by Marlee Matlin, William Hurt's co-star in the current film, Children of a Lesser God.

Another literary event of note will be the three lectures by Amos Oz (on Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and 9) at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Entitled "Hebrew Literature: The Letter and the Spirit," the lectures will deal with three topics — ancient Hebrew storytelling, modern Hebrew literature, and contemporary Israeli literature.

During October you can hear the New York Philharmonic conducted by Zubin Mehta, with such guest artists as Pinchas Zukerman and Alicia de Larrocha at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall.

On Dec. 5, 7 and 14 the Great Performers program at Lincoln Center has Barenboim scheduled to play all three Beethoven concerts.

If you want a break from shopping, stop at the beautiful IBM Garden Plaza, amid the Madison Ave. shops (number 590), for a noontime concert. These Juilliard concerts are held on Wednesdays, at 12.30 p.m.

Opera lovers can choose between attending the New York City Opera or the Metropolitan Opera House, both of which are steps from each other at the Lincoln Center. The Metropolitan will present Madame Butterfly, Aida and Tosca, as well as other operas. Among the City Opera's selections are La Traviata, Norma, Don Quixote and Werther.

For a change of musical pace, you can try an evening of cabaret music at the famous Algonquin, where the audience is often as distinguished as the performers and the genial setting.

On Dec. 6 and 7 the Queens Symphony Orchestra at Queens College (275-5000) will feature a musical program, "In The Jewish Tradition," which will include Bruch's Kol Nidre, Ben Chaim's Fanfare to Israel, and Prokofiev's Overture on Hebrew Themes.

Particularly exciting art exhibits are scheduled this fall. First and foremost is the exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. "Treasures of the Holy Land: Ancient Art From the Israel Museum" is on view until Jan. 4.

This is the largest and most important exhibition of art from Israel to travel abroad. It is also the first major exhibition of ancient art to leave Israel, and consists of nearly 200 items from archeological excavations in Israel.

A colorful exhibit of paper collages, by collagist Eve Helman, is on display at the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (838 Fifth Ave., at 65th St.). Entitled "Judaica: Ancient History, Modern Israel," the exhibit is open till Nov. 6.

The 92nd St. Y is now sponsoring Artists' Hospitality Tours. You can visit studios, and meet the artists, in some of New York's famous artists' neighborhoods.

Accommodation facilities in New York continue to grow as more hotels undergo renovations. The city's Grand Hyatt, formerly the Commodore, has undergone a $100 million reconstruction, and is now a management site from which to walk to the theatre. It is also a very popular location for important Jewish community functions. The 11th annual Gesher Foundation dinner will be hosted there on Nov. 9.

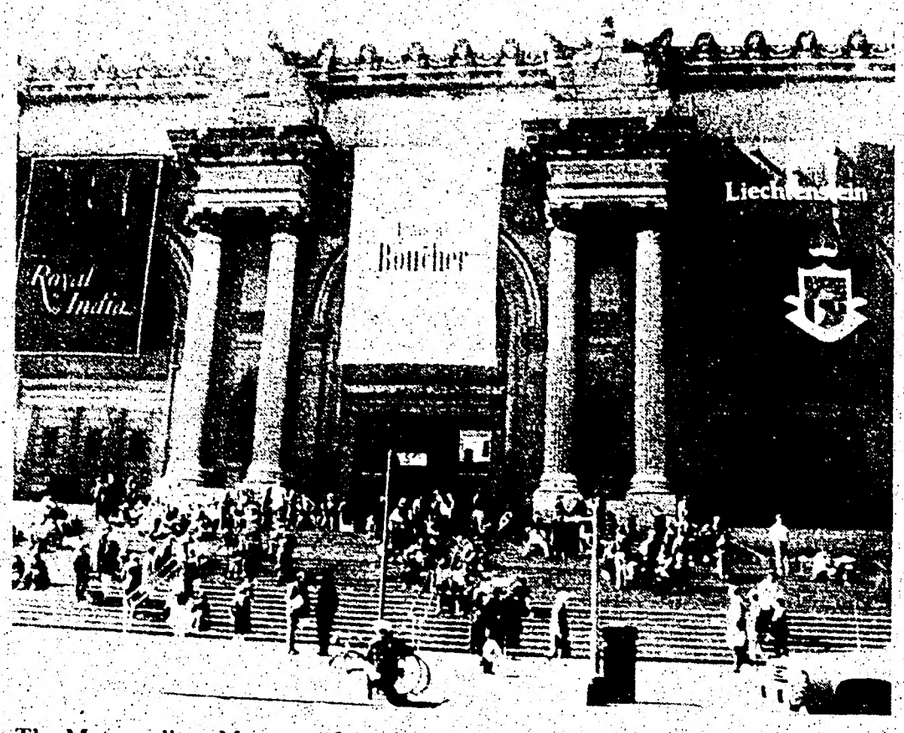
The Hyatt's new slogan, "Forget it," offers a new and welcome service. If a guest forgets to pack such essentials as a toothbrush, hairbrush, razor, etc., the hotel will oblige by delivering a complimentary kit to the room.

Another hotel undergoing renovations is the Regency Hotel on Park Ave., at 61st St. The quiet rooms, with fully equipped kitchenettes, make this place a welcome oasis in the city. Both the Hyatt and Regency have special weekend packages.

Many new plays will be opening this fall, ranging from Chekhov's Wild Honey and Arthur Miller's Clara, to Neil Simon's Broadway Bound, the third of his autobiographical trilogy of plays.

There will be a revival of Ben Hecht's, The Front Page. And continuing on Broadway are the excellent I'm Not Rappaport and Big River, which is based on Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn.

Another theatrical attraction is The Comedy Planet at the Dairy Planet Restaurant near the South St. seaport. This is a kosher comedy club, and it features an all-news show every Saturday night.



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Travel

Israel has something for all tourists

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — If you're looking for a vacation spot with blazing summer sun and your spouse is dreaming about cool mountain air, why not go to Israel? You can get both climates on the same trip.

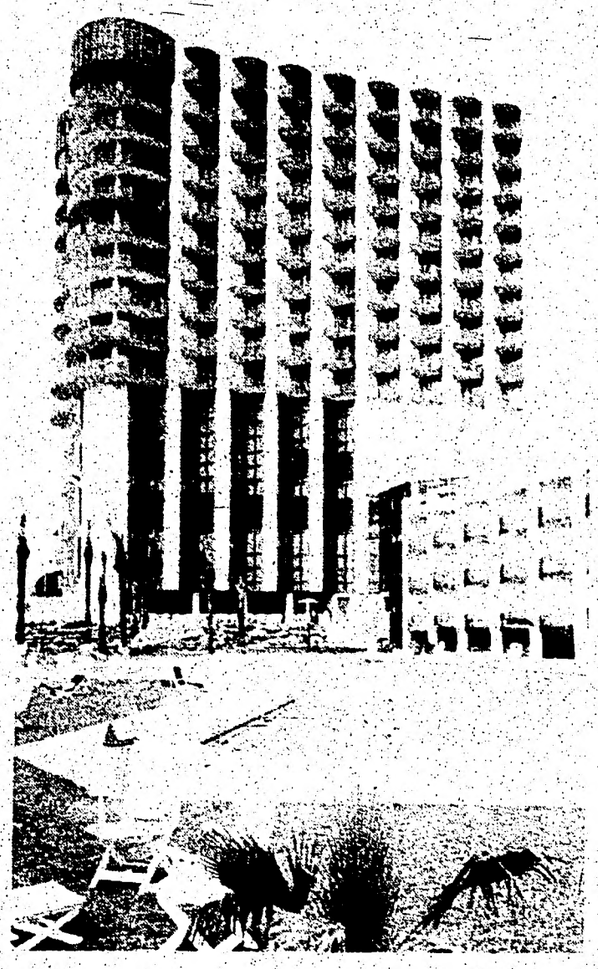
When the summer sun sears in some parts of the country you can still enjoy the cool mountain air of Jerusalem, Mt. Carmel and the hills of Upper Galilee. And if winter is bringing occasional chilly spells in these areas, Eilat and the Red Sea Coast and the regions around the Sea of Galilee offer almost permanent sunshine with hardly any rain.

"The weather is tremendous from anybody's viewpoint," says Sara Pachter of Fisher-Fremont Travel who has led 76 tours to Israel.

Pachter says that in addition to Israel's climate that can make even the fussiest traveler smile the country has something to offer everyone.

"Those who want to be pampered and taken care of in the lap of luxury should head straight for the 3-year-old Daniel Hotel and Spa in Herzlia-on-Sea."

The spa offers such things as 10 different types of massages, Pachter says, including Dead Sea Baths and beauty treatment



The Dan Hotel and Spa at Herzlia-on-Sea.

rooms as well as six restaurants, two swimming pools, tennis courts and a shopping arcade.

"The spa is also close to Tel Aviv so people can take advantage of the concerts, theatre, museums and restaurants."

Pachter adds that those who would like to diet can opt for the three meal diet plan and those who just want to enjoy their food can dine in any of the kosher restaurants, including a Balanese restaurant complete with belly dancers.

"It's a place to go when you really want to feel good and have fun."

She notes that despite what many would-be vacationers may think a vacation at the Daniel could be less money then a spa in Florida or California. "A person can stay at The Daniel during the off season for as low as $80 a night. Even adding on the airfare to Israel you will pay less than if you were to go to an American spa."

The Sea View Health Farm in Rosh Pina located 1,700 feet above sea level provides guests with a tranquil atmosphere and breathtaking views of snowcapped Mount Hermon, the lush Hula Valley and the Sea of Galilee. Pachter adds. "The Sea View offers health weeks organized under medical supervision and offer such facilities as acupuncture, herbal baths, yoga and massage."

She notes that the Young Tiberias Hot Springs recreational and therapeutic centre attracts flocks of people every year. "The physiotherapy department includes baths for hydrotherapy and electrotherapy treatment and the mineral pools have a natural heat of 32 degrees C."

Pachter says people go to the hot springs of Tiberias to be rid of the ache of rheumatism or to the Dead Sea to heal skin diseases such as psoriasis.

She says that the average age of travelers to Israel has come down in recent years as people are beginning to realize that Israel really is a good place to vacation.

"Singles and young couples enjoy the night clubs and discotheques or Club Med in Eilat while families may enjoy visiting an Israeli family in their own home. Music lovers will enjoy the world-famous Israel Philharmonic Orchestra or the Israel Festival, an international music and arts event."

Pachter says food connoisseurs can satisfy their tastes at restaurants featuring the cuisine of such places as France, Hungary, Italy or China. "And of course, traditional Jewish cuisine such as chicken soup, stuffed carp with horse radish and chopped liver with onions." Most hotels and many restaurants serve kosher food.

Shoppers will be delighted by the Oriental bazaars in the old cities of Jerusalem, Jaffa and Akko, or by the artists colonies of Jaffa, En Had and Zfat where pottery, glass artifacts and ornaments are found. "Israel has also become known for its beach and leather wear, fur, knits and sportswear."

She says that Israel really offers travelers a well rounded vacation. "Once people get there they fall in love with the country," Pachter says. "It's perfectly safe, it has great weather and there is more than enough to do."

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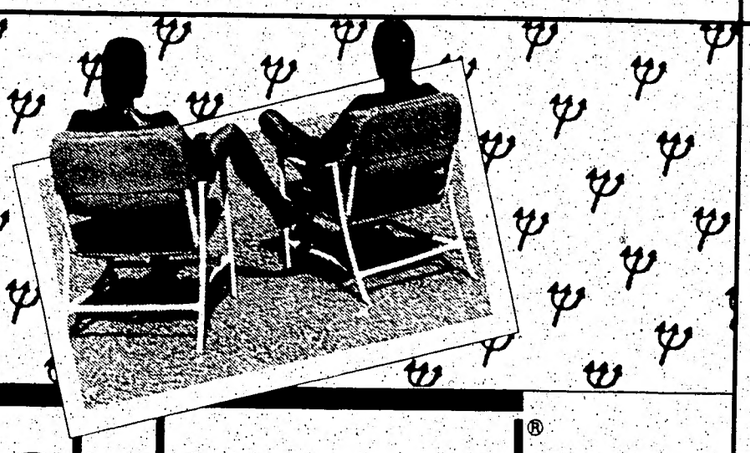

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.-
If you are planning a leisurely drive to winter quarters in Florida, there are numerous interesting spots to stop to see the sights and some of the oldest settled areas of the United States.

For instance, this travel reporter can recommend a visit to this restored pre-Revolution capital of the colony of Virginia. It is located near the Atlantic coast, not far from Jamestown where the first English settled in 1607.

Colonial Williamsburg is a complete restoration of the city as it was in the first half of the 18th century — a living museum with many of the homes occupied, artisan shops as they were once, small hotels and taverns of yesterday serving today's visitors, the old Union Jack still flying over the government buildings, and one of the earliest universities, the College of William and Mary, still in use. A tour through here on foot or by carriage will take you back into time.

Along the James River you can visit some of the old plantations which thrived here more than 200 years ago.

You can visit nearby battlefields which played important parts in the Civil War of the 1860s, and you can stop at Richmond, Virginia's present state capital to visit the state capital designed by Thomas Jefferson after a palace in Nimes, France. Here is the famous statue of George Washington done by sculptor Houdon.

In Richmond also is the Old Stone House, built in 1737 and now a memorial to mystery story writer Edgar Allen Poe.

In Virginia too you should stop at Charlottesville, where Thomas Jefferson built his home Monticello, which took 41 years to complete, and where he also designed the campus of the University of Virginia. Here also another U.S. president, James Monroe, had his estate, now open for public visits.

Closer to the sea is Newport News, one of the world's largest naval bases. Not only will you see the big United States warships, but be sure to visit the Mariners Museum, one of the finest such museums I have had the pleasure to tour. Here everything relating to the sea is on view, from carved figureheads of old sailing ships to kayaks used by Canadian Inuit. There are actual ships or portions of ships, as well as models and old steel engraved prints. There are even some World War II miniature submarines outside.

In Charleston, South Carolina, you can walk the History Trail through the old part of the town where there are still houses built in the late 18th century in use, some open to visitors. The Civil War of the 1860s started here at Fort Sumter, an historic site accessible by boat tour of the harbor.

Charles Towne Landing is a recent attraction built on the original 1670 site where the first colonists settled, and has replicas of early ships which brought the colonists.

(Of special interest to Jewish visitors to Charleston is that it has the second oldest synagogue in the United States, Beth Elohim, built in 1749. It is a national historic landmark, and the oldest Reform synagogue in the world. The local Jewish cemetery has graves of soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War of 1776.)

Follow the coastal road south to Savannah, settled in 1732 by English under General James Oglethorpe. Here restoration work has been done in a big way, even to the squares near the waterfront laid out by Oglethorpe when he first mapped out a city plan.

Savannah was an important seaport in the days of the cotton trade, and many of the warehouses along the old waterfront have been restored into modern-day boutiques and dining spots, while walks have been laid out with small parks to watch the passing boat traffic. Here pirates came not so long ago and you can dine in what is claimed to have been a major tavern in pirate days.

There are numerous old houses, with ornate ironwork exteriors, now restored to former beauty.

Savannah is a city where you can walk to see much of historic interest, visit a Ships of the Sea Museum, a Military Museum, the old Cotton Exchange Building and five forts which figured in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Savannah has one of the oldest Jewish cemeteries in North America, in use since 1773.

While a direct coastal route will take you to Florida, you might be interested to go out of your way a bit to the west to near Atlanta, to visit Warm Springs in the mountains, now the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Park. Here the 4-time U.S. President spent part of his life after he contacted polio, and here his small Winter White House can be visited, its walk lined with stones and trees from all 50 states, the small house preserved where he lived there with his many mementoes and photographs.

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Exquisite vistas await visitor to Costa Rica

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica

This city, high up in Costa Rica's temperate Central Valley, is a perfect base from which to explore two of the most spectacular volcanos in Central America, Poas and Irazu.

But before you head for Poas and Irazu, you should devote about a day to San Jose, Costa Rica's clean, pleasant capital.

San Jose is not particularly impressive from an architectural point of view. But its museums are worthy of a visit.

The Museum of Natural Science, with its fantastic exhibit of stuffed birds and animals, mounted butterflies and sea shells, gives you intimations of Costa Rica's infinitely rich wildlife.

Gold objects

The National Museum, the building of which once served as army headquarters, has a fine collection of pre-Columbian archeological artifacts. The Gold Museum houses one of the world's best collections of gold objects, while the Museum of Costa Rican Art is dominated by pastoral landscapes highlighting this nation's stunning, unspoiled beauty.

San Jose's rococo-style National Theatre, opened in 1897, is widely considered to be Costa Rica's most beautiful building.

Excellent panoramic views of San Jose can be obtained from two restaurants perched on lofty, pine-scented peaks — Ram Luna in neighboring Aserri, and Tiquicia Mirador, in nearby Escazu.

The Tiquicia Mirador, which specializes in typical Costa Rican peasant fare, offers a visitor what is likely to be his most memorable dining experience in this compact land.

But if warm cornmeal tortillas, fried cheese or roasted wild bananas don't appeal to your palate, you can always wander over to the Deli Nash and try Jeannette Grynspan's wonderful homemade cheese blintzes.

Having fortified yourself with her blintzes, you can head for the Irazu volcano, some 65 km from San Jose. On the way there you pass Cartago, Costa Rica's colonial capital, whose bustling, colorful fruit and vegetable market is worth visiting. You also pass onion and carrot fields and cows grazing contentedly in alpine pastures reminiscent of Switzerland or Austria.

Irazu, which last erupted in 1964, is 11,000 feet above sea level and is therefore nearly perpetually cool or cold. From the summit, on a clear day, you can see the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, as well as Irazu's water-filled crater. The best time to go up to Irazu, which is in a national park, is during the dry season, especially in March and April.

Poas, which is also readily accessible by car from San Jose, is more scenic than Irazu. Nine thousand feet high, Poas lies above a lush green world of dense forests, ferns and moss-covered rocks, and rolling meadows punctuated by bursts of exquisite wild flowers.

The volcanic crater is 1.5 km in diameter and 300 metres deep. An explosion in 1910 sent a cloud of ash 8,000 metres into the air. Poas' last eruption occurred in 1978, with little loss of life. Today, Poas is peaceful, and the only sound you hear is that of hummingbirds.

For day trippers, there is a variety of excursions you can make from San Jose.

You can drive into coffee country, toward the towns of Puriscal or Heredia. Costa Rica produces more coffee than any other Central American nation save El Salvador, and someone who has never seen the bright green leaves and red berries of the coffee tree will likely be impressed.

You should visit the El Castillo resort, in San Rafael de Heredia, a half-hour's drive from San Jose. The pine forests here remind you of Canada, and the chalet on the manicured grounds of El Castillo is distinctly Swiss in appearance. El Castillo, whose restaurant overlooks San Jose, has the only ice skating rink in Central America.

You can get a marvelous view of the luxuriant semi-tropical Orosi Valley from a lookout just 32 km from San Jose. And if you like flowers, you'll doubtlessly want to spend time at the Lankester Gardens, whose collection of orchids is probably unrivaled.

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Canada's resale housing market looking good

TORONTO — Residential resale housing markets in most Canadian cities are expected to maintain strong levels of activity throughout the remainder of 1986, according to Royal LePage.

The prolonged period of interest rate stability and the high level of consumer confidence, combined with relatively good local economic conditions, is expected to push housing sales across the country to 265,650 units by year end, an increase of 7% over the 1985 level, the company says.

Overall, the selling price of homes in Canada is forecast to experience an increase of 8% over the 1985 figure, rising to an annual 1986 average of $87,600.

"In terms of sales and price increases, housing markets across the country will vary," says George Cormack, president, Royal LePage Real Estate Services. "For instance, residential real estate markets in Alberta experienced some softening during early 1986 because of the drastic drop in world oil prices.

"However, the OPEC agreement to reduce oil production and raise world oil prices is expected to have a moderating impact on housing markets in Alberta," he says.

The residential resale housing market in Ottawa has also experienced some softening during 1986 due to concerns over federal government cutbacks on expenditures, reduction in civil service man-hours, and slower growth in the high technology industries. In spite of these concerns, the Ottawa market is still forecast to experience moderate growth in sales and price levels by year end.

In contrast, residential housing markets in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax/Dartmouth are all forecast to experience significant increases in housing sales and selling prices in excess of 8% in 1986.

"By far the most buoyant housing market in Canada is Toronto, with residential sales expected to climb 25% to 56,900 units by year end," comments Cormack. "Overall selling prices in Toronto are forecast to rise 24% to an annual 1986 average of $135,300.

Royal LePage is Canada's leading realtor, with close to 10,000 employees in over 350 residential and commercial offices in Canada and the United States, with affiliates overseas.

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The Royal LePage **forecast for Montreal** follows:

The exceptional housing market activity Montreal experienced during the first eight months of this year is expected to continue throughout the remainder of 1986. By year end, the number of homes sold in Montreal is forecast to climb 11% to 21,650 units.

The overall selling price of homes in Montreal is predicted to rise significantly in 1986. By year end, the value of homes are expected to climb 12%, to an annual 1986 average of $79,000.

Consumer confidence in the economy and interest rate stability continue to act as major factors influencing the residential resale housing market in Montreal. The only exception is the housing market in Outaouis, which has experienced some softening due to federal government cutbacks, consequently causing concern within the civil service sector.

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The **Toronto forecast:**

The strong sales activity in the residential resale housing market throughout the Toronto area shows no signs of slowing during the remainder of 1986. Housing sales are expected to climb 25% to 56,900 units by year end, rising close to 11,400 units over the 1985 level.

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MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN

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Answer: We checked with the federal department of health and welfare and the answer is yes and no.

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However, the regulations have been changed so that after Jan. 1, 1987, she can continue to receive the widow's pension.

So the answer to this question is if the marriage takes place in 1986, she must notify the department and lose the monthly payments for the balance of the year. Then she can re-apply in January of 1987, and her pension will begin again.

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The best bet, if you are within a few years of annuitizing, is to have the RRSP transferred into an interest account to match the ups and downs of the interest rates at the time of the annuity purchase.

Incidentally, the same thing usually happens with bond funds and real estate funds as well as mortgage funds.

Question: Can I buy an annuity out of my RRSPs and have the payments go to my wife who is at a lower marginal tax than I am?

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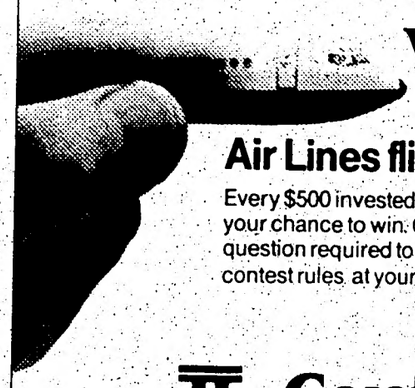

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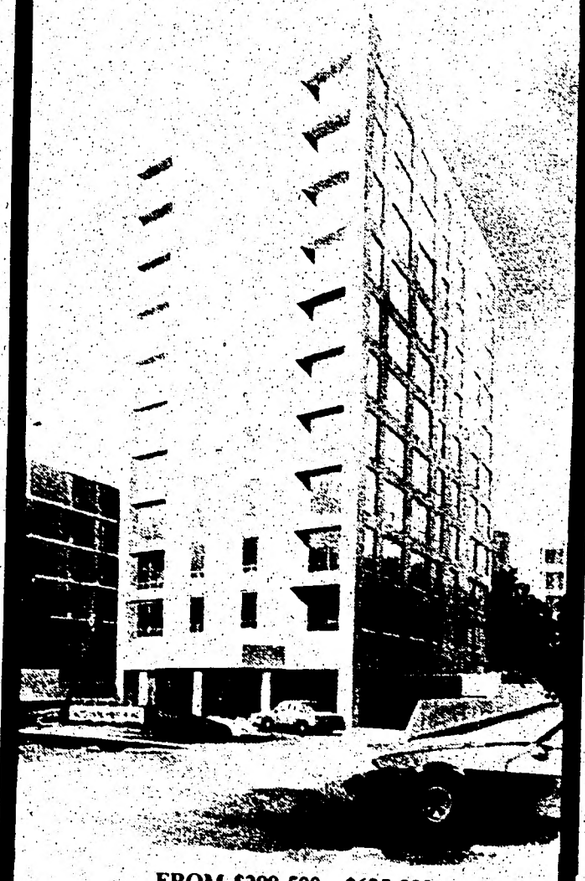

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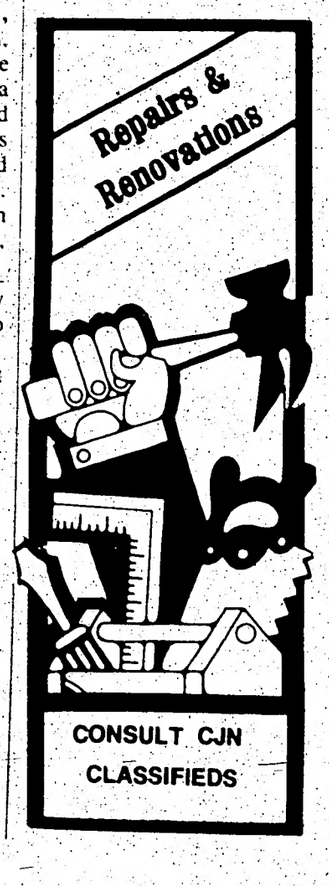

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Hamilton Women's World to highlight fashion

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Women's World returns to the Hamilton Convention Centre the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

One of the most successful events for women in the Hamilton-Burlington area since it was first held in 1982, Women's World was founded by Shirley Molot and her former partner Diane Ziff. The event has just completed its second successful show at the Congress Centre in Ottawa, where Molot's sister Sandra Levinson is the organizer.

A measure of Women's World's success, Molot says, is that The Hamilton Spectator has now become the overall sponsor of the event.

New this year is a greater emphasis on fashion, she says, largely due to the sudden mushrooming of boutiques throughout the Hamilton-Burlington area and the growing interest in fashion and the work of a number of young local designers.

And on the exhibition floor, "people will be able to nibble and touch and buy much more" than in previous years, mainly because "everybody wanted more specialized things like gifts," says Molot. "Chanukah gifts, too," she adds.

Also, there'll be ongoing things like body painting, face painting, fitness and other demonstrations.

The kickoff luncheon on Friday, Oct. 31, will have former provincial Status of Women chairperson and consumer advocate Lynne Gordon as guest speaker. Gordon opened the first Women's World in 1982 and this year she will speak on her recently published autobiography, Working Without A Net.

Also featured will be Elaine Brumberg, author of Save Your Money, Save Your Face and "a dynamic speaker" who knows "absolutely everything" about cosmetics.

Other speakers include MP Sheila Copps, who will discuss Survival Skills for Women In Politics; Lynn Tribbling, founder of the highly successful women's investment network; Karen Fraser will speak on How To Market Yourself; and Marla Kelman, president of the Association of Parent Support Groups will discuss Parent Burn-Out.

Family lawyer Patricia Wallace will discuss the new Family Law Act: What You Don't Know Can Harm You; and popular physician David Posen who gave up family practice to become a stress management consultant, will talk about Stress Management.

In addition, there will be talks on and workshops on ranging from the day care crisis to sexist language, reentry into the workforce to fashion and food.

Also new this year are programs for seniors such as advice on how to choose a good doctor, and entertainment by a seniors' choir and band.

Friday night is Halloween, a fun night with the focus on singles with such things as psychic and personality hand reading and there'll also be a personal appearance by the male lead of The Young and The Restless.

Fashion shows include a bridal and special occasion dressing show on Friday night, a fashion extravaganza by Jackson Square Mall on Saturday afternoon and a special show sponsored by Ford of Canada on Saturday evening. This will be followed by a casino night by the Canadian Cancer Association.

A special treat will be From Propriety to Punk — Fashions from the 1880s to the 1980s, a history of fashion and its social implications by fashion historian Jonathan Walford.

In addition to Molot, organizers include Molly Kumer, program coordinator, Gloria Wunder, sales director, Barbara Paikin, fashion coordinator and Carolyn Molot-Mandel, marketing director.

A 3-day pass to Women's World is $5 and buys admission to everything except the luncheon and the Saturday night program. Admission to the latter evening fashion extravaganza and casino night is $15 per person. Phone (416) 575-9220, days, 648-6669, evenings, for tickets.

President, regional management (N. America)

Bank Hapoalim names Vardy-Zer

TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim has appointed Uzi Vardy-Zer president, regional management — North America. He will be based in New York.

The appointment was announced by Amiram Sivan, chairman of the board of management and was effective Sept. 5.

Vardy-Zer, a senior deputy managing director of Bank Hapoalim, formerly headed the international division of the bank and had held key positions in the international and domestic operations. Within the context of his amplified role, he succeeds Arie Abend, who returns to Israel after serving five years in the management of U.S. operations.

"Since initiating its operations in the U.S. over 12 years ago, Bank Hapoalim has become a significant financial presence through its lending activities and money market facilities," said Vardy-Zer. "My goal is to build on that success by expanding the activities of our existing U.S. branches and Canadian subsidiary, with an aim to widening both the circle of clients and the services offered to them."

Concurrent with his new responsibilities, Vardy-Zer serves as vice-chairman of Bank Hapoalim (Canada) Ltd., and is a member of the board of directors of Ampal — American Israel Corporation.

Until this appointment, he served as chairman of the boards of directors of Bank Hapoalim (Switzerland) Ltd.; Bank Hapoalim (Cayman) Ltd.; and American-Israel Bank Ltd. He has also been a memer of the board of directors of numerous corporations including Clal (Israel) Ltd. and its subsidiaries; Electronics Corporation of Israel (ECI) Ltd., Israel Continental Bank Ltd., and Investment Company Bank Hapoalim B.M.

A native of Israel, Vardy-Zer was graduated from Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1962 with a BA degree in economics and international relations. A certified cost analyst, he also earned a diploma of Business Administration from Hebrew University in 1965.

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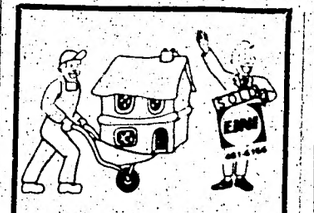

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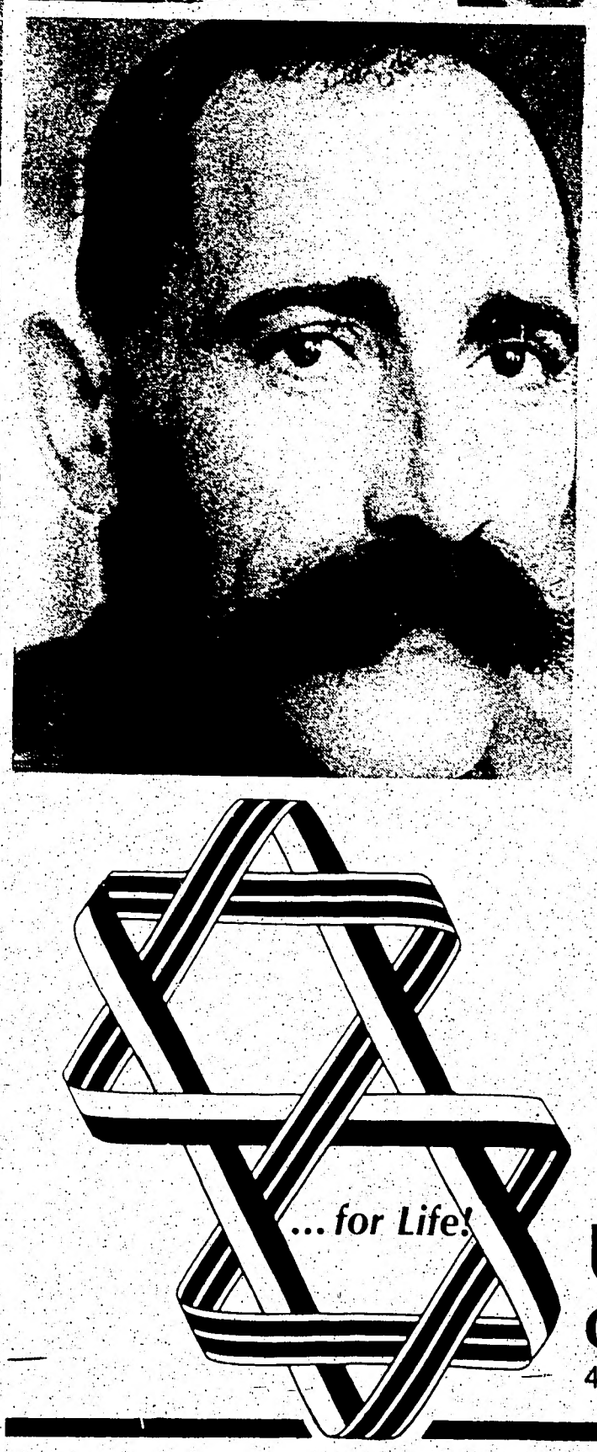

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